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EVAL SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

## 1.0   INTRODUCTION

## 1.1   Purpose of the System Specification

The EVAL System Specification is a technical document
written for software development personnel.  Together with
the EVAL Functional Description, it guides the software
development effort by identifying the functional requirements
and by providing structured logic diagrams that depict the
flow, control, and processing of information within the
system.

The System Specification is generic and is intended to
guide and facilitate the preparation of the language-specific
and computer hardware-specific documentation and coding that
are necessary to implement and operate EVAL at an installation.

## 1.2   References

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   nique.  Technical Publication GC20-1851-0.
   White Plains, New York:  IBM, October 1974.-

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   werger, Phillip H.; Gulick, Roy M.  Documentation
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   Description.  McLean, Virginia:  Decisions and
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of Decision-Aiding Software:  EVAL Users Manual.
McLean, Virginia:  Decisions and Designs, Incorporated, November 1979.

## 1.3  Terms

1.3.1  <u>EVAL</u> - EVAL is an abbreviation for evaluation, reflecting the system's major area of applicability.

1.3.2  <u>HIPO</u> - The specification uses the standard Hierarchy plus Input-Process-Output (HIPO) diagramming technique to depict the structural design and logical flow of the system.  A legend explaining the HIPO diagramming symbols is included.  Reference 1.2.1 provides a complete description of the HIPO documentation technique.

## 2.0  DESIGN DETAILS

### 2.1  Background

Systems development personnel should refer to the EVAL
Functional Description, Reference 1.2.2, in conjunction with
the documentation contained in this specification.  The
Functional Description details the evaluation models imple-
mented by EVAL and discusses the specific functions that the
software must perform.  In addition, systems development
personnel may wish to refer to the EVAL User's Manual,
Reference 1.2.3.

### 2.2  General Operating Procedures

EVAL is a menu-driven system.  That is, the system is
designed to interact with the user by presenting a sequen-
tial hierarchy of menus and asking the user to respond by
selecting one option from the current menu.  If the user
does not select one of the menu options, the system displays
the previous menu.  In this manner, the user moves up and
down the hierarchy, as desired.  Whenever data entry is
required as a result of option selection, the system speci-
fically requests the data and specifies the format.

The system is also designed to be generally forgiving
of procedural errors by the user.

### 2.3  System Logical Flow

EVAL is a hierarchically structured, modular software
system.  The system structure and logical flow lends itself
to presentation in the form of HIPO diagrams, which are
contained in this document.

The main purpose of the HIPO diagrams is to provide, in a pictorial manner, the complete set of modular elements necessary to the operation of EVAL, including all input, output, and internal functional processing. This is done by displaying the input items necessary to the process step which uses them, defining the process, and showing the resulting output of the process step.

The HIPO documentation diagrams are designed and drawn in a hierarchical fashion from the main calling routines to the detail-level operation/calculation routines. Extended written descriptions are given below a HIPO diagram whenever it is deemed necessary.

A complete description and explanation of the symbolic notation used in the HIPO diagrams is given in Reference 1.2.1. An abbreviated legend for the symbols used in this specification is given in Figure 2-1. Note that:

a. External subroutines are depicted partly in the Process block and partly out. Internal subroutines are always shown within the Process block.

b. Overview diagrams show general inputs and outputs only, whereas detail/subroutine-level diagrams show specific input/output tables and/or displays.

c. Rectangular boxes inside the Input/Output block areas are generally used to denote single data items. Two or more boxes are grouped to show that several data items are input/output.

d. Rectangular boxes inside the Process block indicate repetitive subprocesses.

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Control

Data movement

Pointer

Data reference

Keyed data arrows

Off-page
connection arrows

General flow of data
among subprocesses

Subroutine invoked
(Return is made to
calling routine)

Routine receives control

Routine exits
or returns control

DISPLAY — Information display by
online indicators — prompted
by program execution or by
keyboard input, especially CRT

LABEL
N.N
Subroutine

N.N
Logical grouping
of functions

N.N
Function identified
but not included in
package

DATA
ITEM
or
DATA
ITEM

Any general
input or output item

ONLINE
STORAGE
Input/output medium —
includes drum, disk, tape,
diskettes

MAGNETIC
TAPE
Magnetic tape
input/output medium

Figure 2-1

**LEGEND OF HIPO SYMBOLS**

The HIPO diagrams appear in the next section, which completes the system specification.

## 2.4  HIPO Documentation

The HIPO diagram identification numbers and figure numbers used in this section stand alone; i.e., they start with 1.0, increase hierarchically, and are independent of the numbering scheme used to this point in this document.

The EVAL software consists of two separate subsystems: STRUCTURE and RUN.  Figure 2-2 is the system overview chart. The STRUCTURE subsystem is used to create a new evaluation structure or to revise an existing structure.  The RUN subsystem is used to specify importance weights and utilities and to display the results of an evaluation model.

Figure 2-3 is a subsystem structure chart for the STRUCTURE subsystem.  It represents the overall program logic flow in a visual table of contents.  The Visual Table of Contents diagram shows the hierarchical structure, the functional description labels, and the diagram (chart) identifiers of the functions performed by STRUCTURE. Similarly, Figure 2-4 is a visual table of contents diagram for the RUN subsystem.

Figure 2-2
EVAL SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Figure 2-3

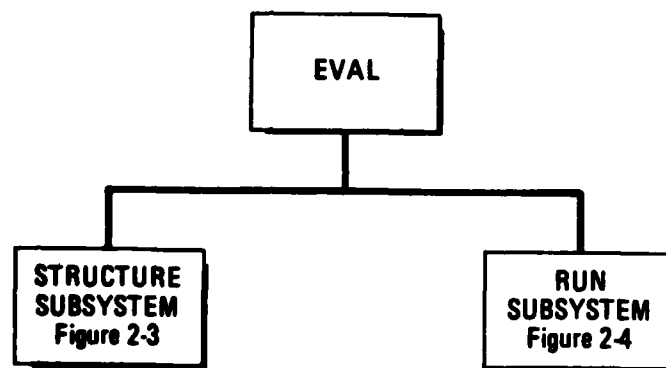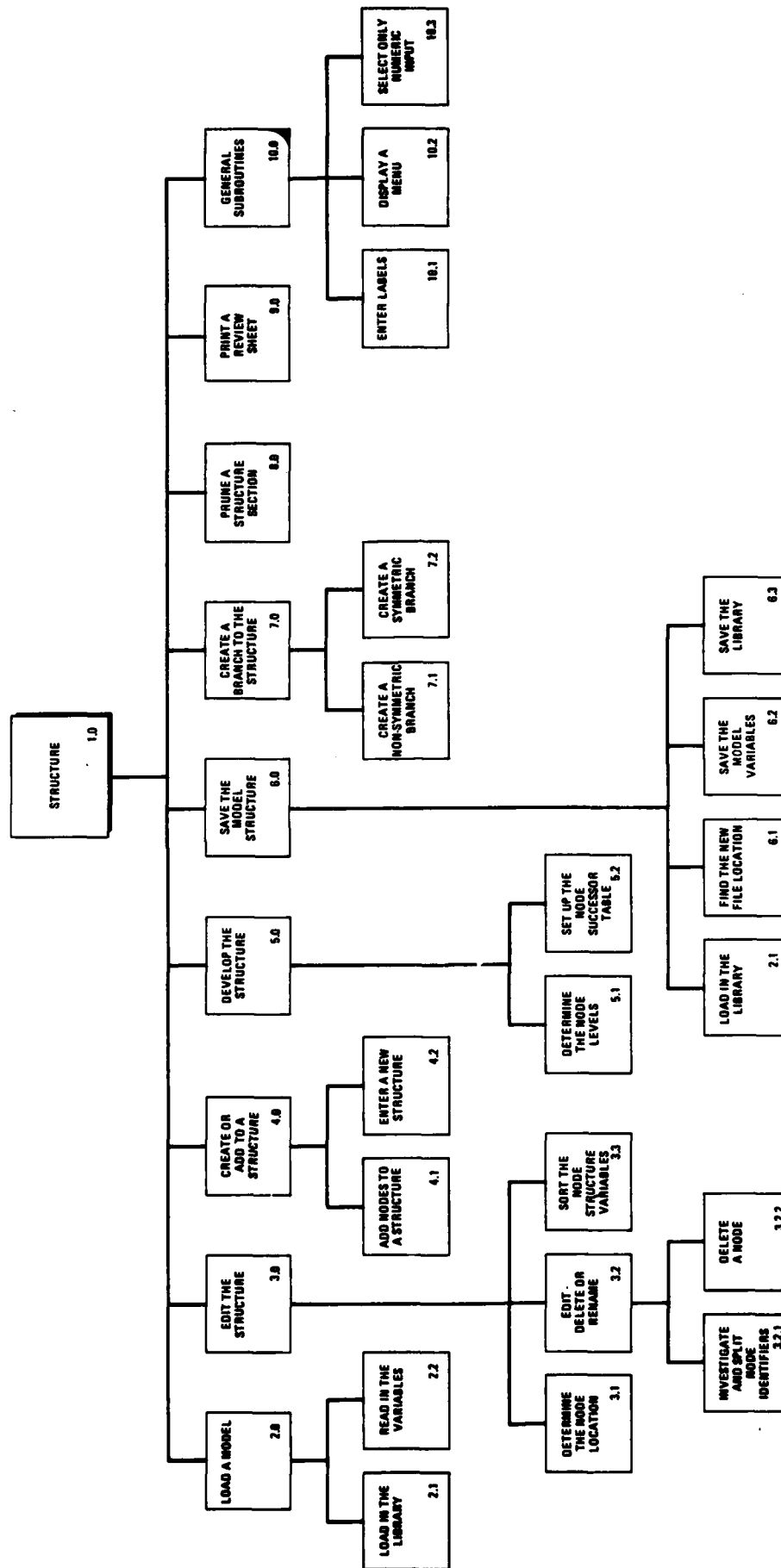**STRUCTURE VISUAL TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Figure 2-4

RUN VISUAL TABLE OF CONTENTS

## INPUT

- USER TERMINAL INPUT
- PROCEDURE OPTIONS LIST
- USER STORAGE TAPE
- MODEL DEFINITIONS AND VARIABLES
- USER TERMINAL INTERACTION

## PROCESS

From System Control

1. Display a menu of procedures and determine the required processing. Then do one of steps 2–9 and repeat or do step 10.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2. Load a model. | 2.0 |
| 3. Edit the structure. | 3.0 |
| 4. Create or add to a structure. | 4.0 |
| 5. Develop the structure. | 5.0 |
| 6. Save the model. | 6.0 |
| 7. Create a branch structure. | 7.0 |

Page 2 8.

## OUTPUT

- DISPLAYS
- NEW OR EDITED MODEL DEFINITIONS AND VARIABLES
- USER TAPE
- PRINTER LISTING

## Extended Description

The list of program procedures is displayed so that the user may select the next process to be performed. The list is displayed in menu format which allows the selection of position numbers with different options in the list.

1. The user is prompted for a choice of operations. The chosen procedure is invoked via one of steps 2–9. If the user responds with blank or null input, then step 10 is executed.

2. The existence of EVAL/STRUCTURE models on tape (storage) is determined and a selected model is read.

3. The structure (or model) currently defined by the program variables may be

4. A new structure may be entered via user interaction or nodes may be added to an existing structure.

5. This step causes the completion of the model structure by setting up variables which interface with the RUN program. This step should always be performed before step 6.

6. The currently defined model structure may be stored via this step.

7. A branch or subtree may be defined and later added to a structure in procedure 4.

## OUTPUT

## PROCESS

Page 1
7.

8.0 — 8. Prune a section.

9.0 — 9. Print a review sheet.

10. Terminate the session.

Return
to
System
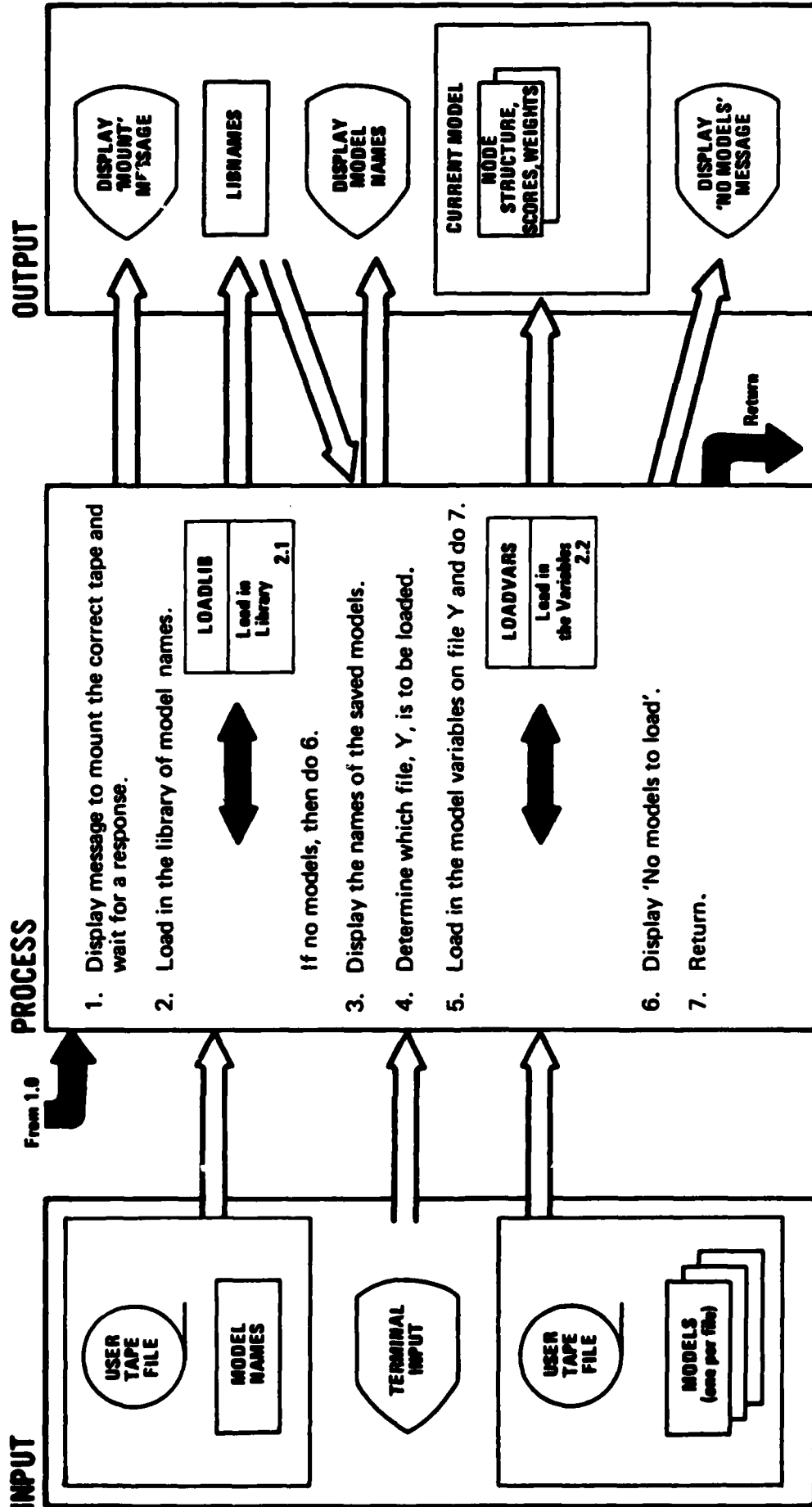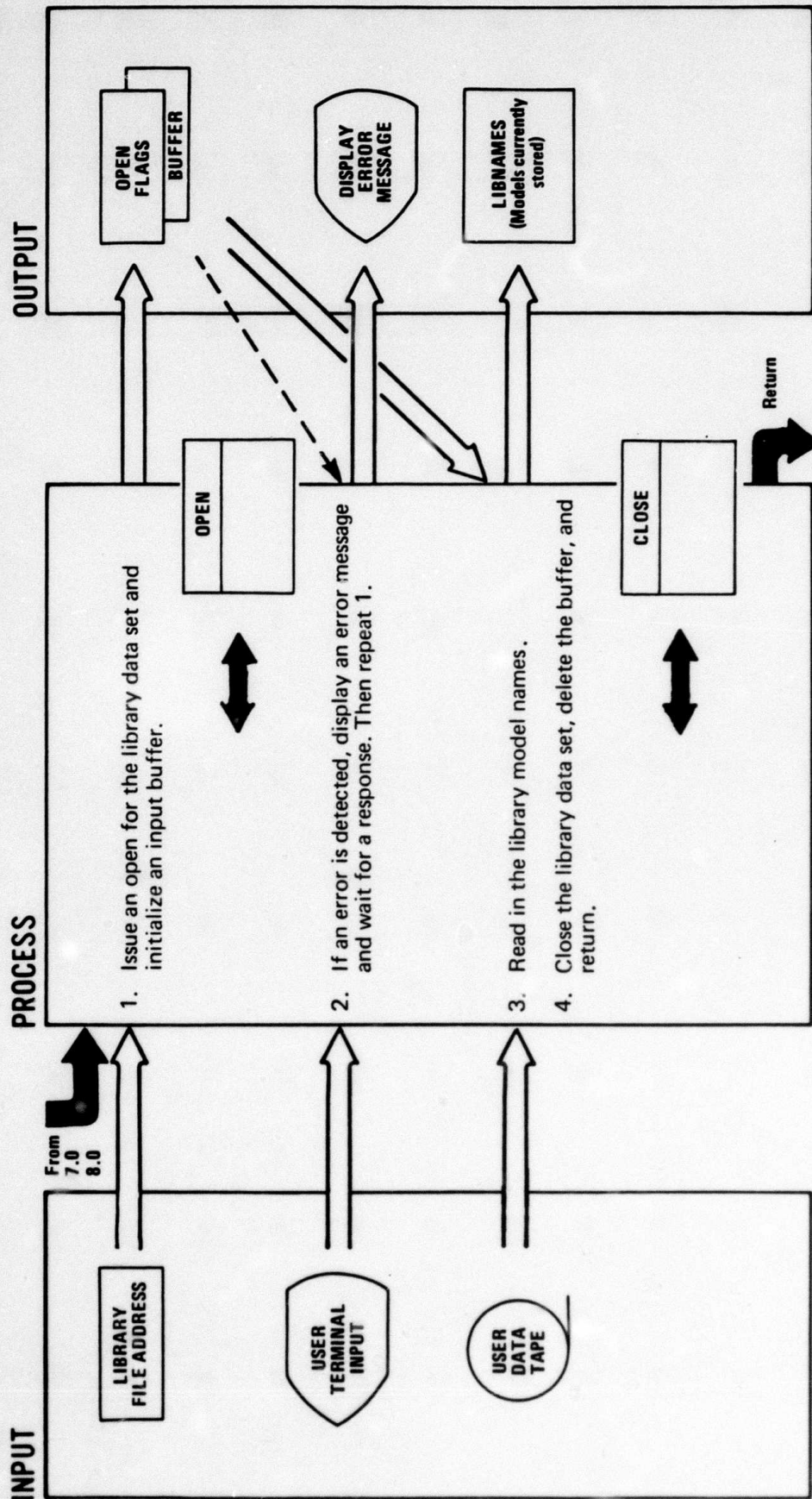
## INPUT

**Extended Description**

8. Groups of nodes may be deleted from the currently defined structure.

9. A printout of the structure as it is currently defined is obtained.

10. The program ends here: a restart option will cause step 1 to be executed again.
When a session is terminated, all branch structures or subtrees defined are deleted.

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System/Program: __STRUCTURE__    Name: _____

Diagram ID: __2.0__    Description __Load A Model__    Page: ____ of ____

## INPUT

- USER TAPE FILE
- MODEL NAMES
- TERMINAL INPUT
- USER TAPE FILE
- MODELS (one per file)

## PROCESS

From 1.0

1. Display message to mount the correct tape and wait for a response.

2. Load in the library of model names.

   | LOADLIB |
   |---|
   | Load in Library 2.1 |

   If no models, then do 6.

3. Display the names of the saved models.

4. Determine which file, Y, is to be loaded.

5. Load in the model variables on file Y and do 7.

   | LOADVARS |
   |---|
   | Load in the Variables 2.2 |

6. Display 'No models to load'.

7. Return.

## OUTPUT

- DISPLAY 'MOUNT' MESSAGE
- LIBRNAMES
- DISPLAY MODEL NAMES
- CURRENT MODEL — NODE STRUCTURE, SCORES, WEIGHTS
- DISPLAY 'NO MODELS' MESSAGE
- Return

**Extended Description**

1. The user may have many tape files on which formatted models are stored. In this step, the user is prompted for a response indicating the desired tape is mounted and online.

3. The names of the models existing on the mounted tape are displayed in list or MENU format so that the user may select a model for loading.

4. The user is prompted for a model selection: the response may be the list item number or the model name. The requested model is stored in the same tape file as its position relative to the other model names in the displayed list.

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## INPUT

- LIBRARY FILE ADDRESS
- USER TERMINAL INPUT
- USER DATA TAPE

## PROCESS

From 7.0 8.0

1. Issue an open for the library data set and initialize an input buffer.

OPEN

2. If an error is detected, display an error message and wait for a response. Then repeat 1.

3. Read in the library model names.

4. Close the library data set, delete the buffer, and return.

CLOSE

Return

## OUTPUT

- OPEN FLAGS / BUFFER
- DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE
- LIBNAMES (Models currently stored)

## Extended Description

2. The library file of model names is available on each formatted data tape. The file is usually stored and retrieved as a character array and resides on the same device with model data and structure variables. A system OPEN command is needed to ensure that the data file is online and accessible for reading. An input buffer is needed and provides the link between stored information and program addressable information.

3. The library model names are retrieved from storage. The character array used for holding these model names, LIBNAMES, is of a form which facilitates display; thus, the names may all be of equal character length.

4. A system CLOSE command is issued to free the data file for later use.

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## OUTPUT

OPEN FLAGS

BUFFER

DISPLAY OPEN ERROR MESSAGE

LOADED MODEL

NODE STRUCTURES, SCORES, WEIGHTS

DISPLAY READ ERROR MESSAGE

Return

- CUMULATIVE WEIGHTS
- NODE TYPES
- DATA LEVEL MASK
- AGGREGATE NODE INDICES
- SUCCESSOR TABLE
- SYSTEMS LABELS

1. The OUTLINE TABLE contains an element for each node in the model, sorted in increasing numerical sequence order. The value is an encoded representation of the node outline number supplied for a node when the model structure is created.

## PROCESS

OPEN

CLOSE

1. Issue OPEN for file Y and establish an input buffer.

2. If error on OPEN, then display error message; do 5.

3. Read in model variables using variable list.

4. If error on a read, then display error message.

5. Close the file Y, delete buffer, and return.

## INPUT

From 7.0

FILE NUMBER Y

VARIABLE LIST

CURRENT MODEL

NODE STRUCTURES, SCORES, WEIGHTS

USER DATA TAPE

PRE-MOUNTED TAPE

**Extended Description**

3. A list of variable Names or identifiers is kept so that load and store routines will always process the variables in the same sequence order.

4. The Model variables retrieved from storage are used in all other program functions (see Diagram 1.0). The variables which must be loaded are the following:

- OUTLINE TABLE
- NODE LABLES
- SCORES
- WEIGHTS

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## INPUT

## PROCESS

## OUTPUT

**Extended Description**

2. The NODE LABELS contain descriptions (one per node in the same order as the outline table) of nodes that are supplied when the model structure is created.

3. SCORES is a numeric array which contains a set of values for each node of the structure. Each set of values consists of one number per system defined in the model.

4. WEIGHTS is a numeric vector containing the relative-importance values assigned to each node in the model structure. The elements must appear in the same order as the associated outline node numbers. When a model structure is created, the vector is null or contains zeros.

5. For each element in the node outline table, there is an associated element in the CUMULATIVE WEIGHTS vector. The vector will contain the percentage of importance with respect to the entire model when all WEIGHTS have been entered.

6. The NODE TYPES are indicators of the type of calculation that is to be used in assessing SCORES and WEIGHTS.

7. The DATA LEVEL MASK indicates which nodes are at the data level (bottom level) versus the nodes that are aggregate or non-bottom-level nodes.

8. The AGGREGATE NODE INDICES contain the sequence number of elements in the model variables which correspond to only the aggregate nodes. An Aggregate

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**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

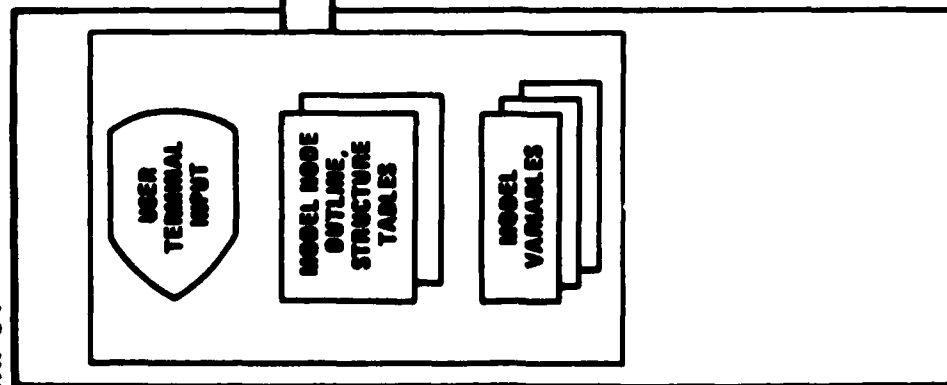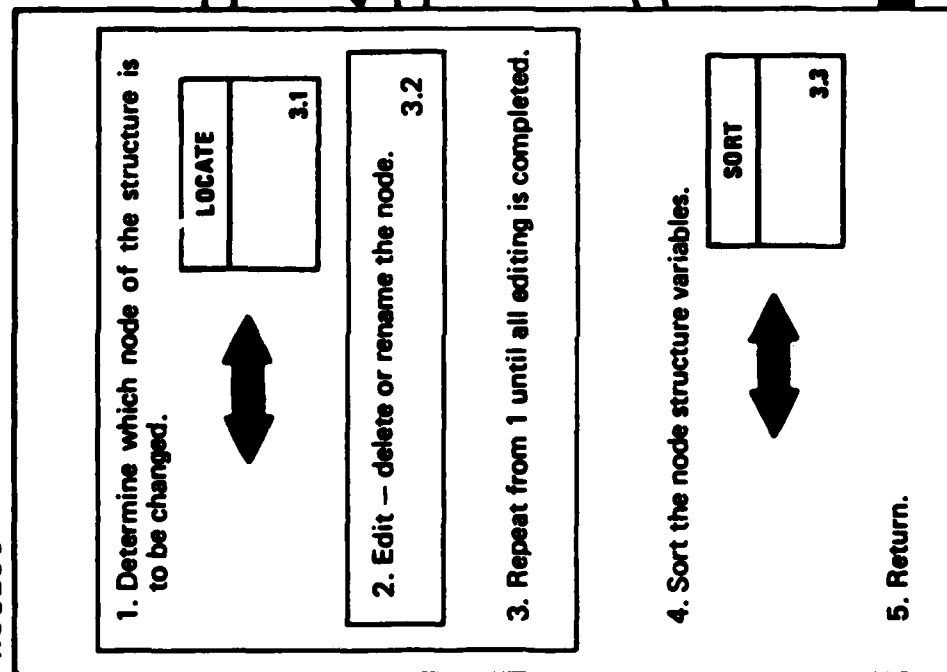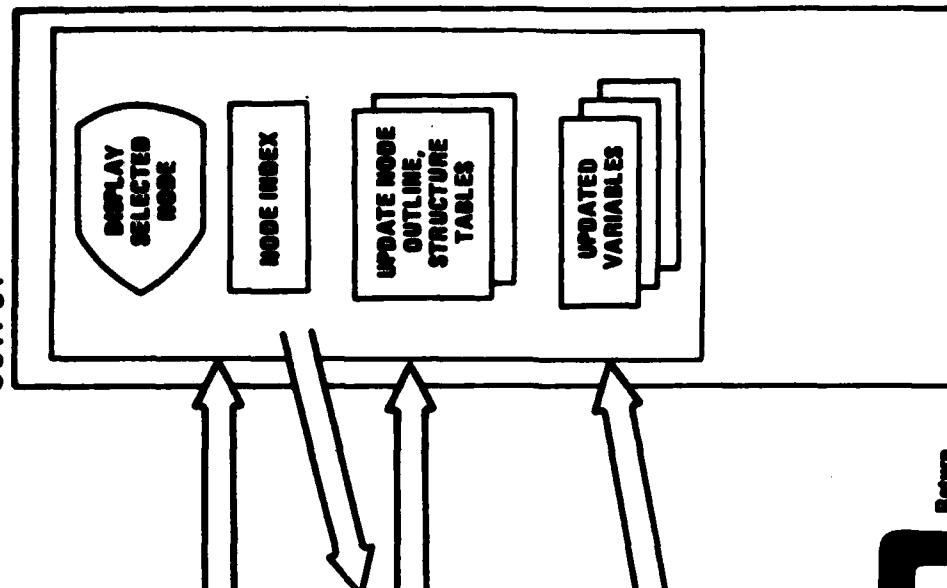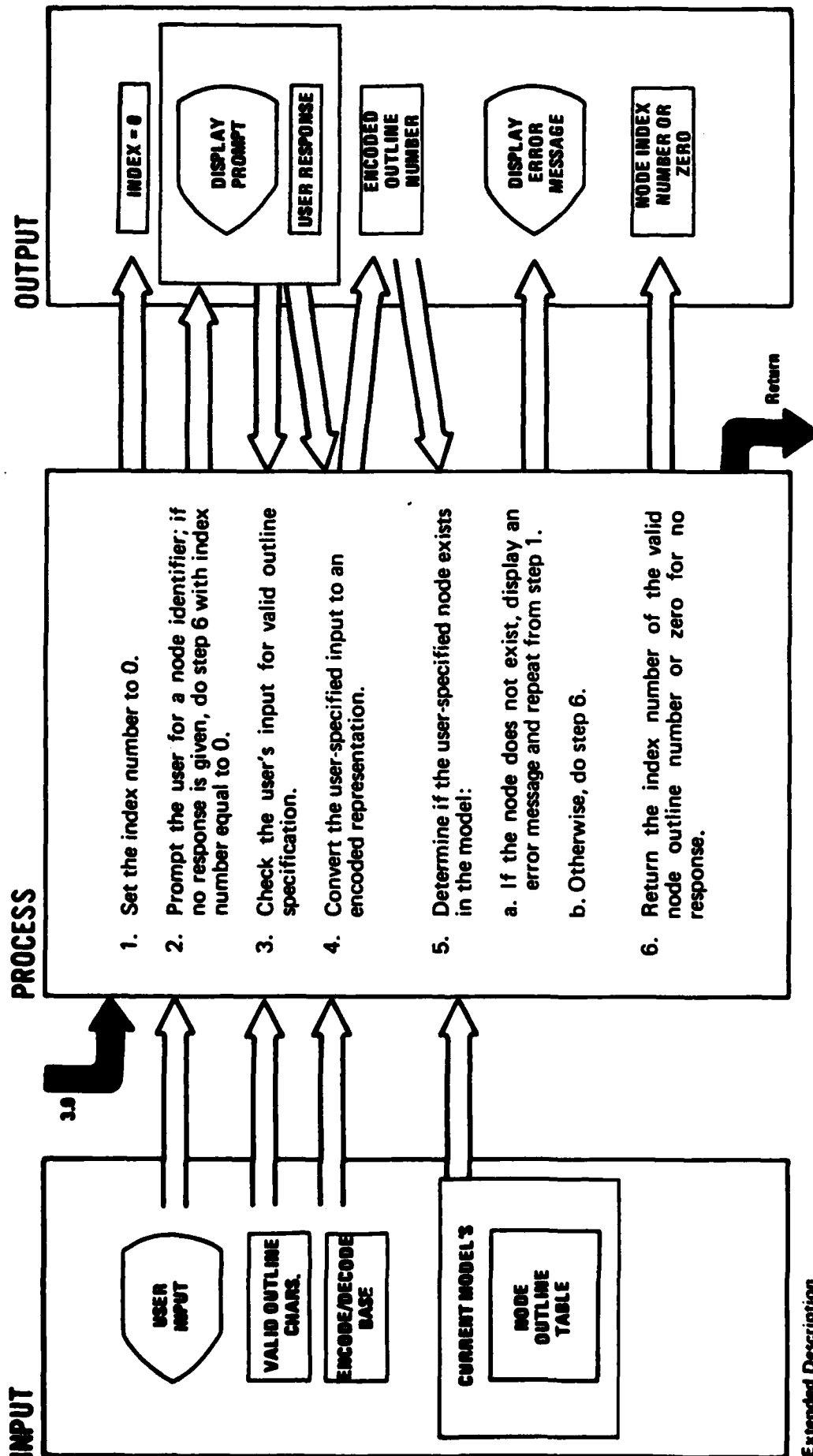**OUTPUT**

**Extended Description**

9. The SUCCESSOR TABLE is an array which contains, for each aggregate node, the set of indices of nodes which contribute to a node.

10. The SYSTEMS LABELS contain the user-specified character descriptions of the systems being evaluated.

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**INPUT**

- USER TERMINAL INPUT
- MODEL NODE OUTLINE STRUCTURE TABLES
- MODEL VARIABLES

**PROCESS**

From 1.0

1. Determine which node of the structure is to be changed.

    | LOCATE | 3.1 |

2. Edit — delete or rename the node.    3.2

3. Repeat from 1 until all editing is completed.

4. Sort the node structure variables.

    | SORT | 3.3 |

5. Return.

**OUTPUT**

- DISPLAY SELECTED NODE
- NODE INDEX
- UPDATE NODE OUTLINE, STRUCTURE TABLES
- UPDATED VARIABLES

Return

**Extended Description**

This procedure will allow the deletion or renaming of nodes within an existing structure and operates on a single node at a time. If a group or subtree of nodes is to be deleted, the user should select the "Prune a section" procedure described in diagram 8.0.

1. The user is prompted for a node identifier. This identifier corresponds to the manner in which the node was named when it was placed in the structure. The outline number is a shortened form of the node's identification. An associated index number is determined which is relative to the node outline and structure tables.

4. The node structure variables are reorganized so that associated nodes are always grouped together after the structure has been edited.

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## INPUT

- USER INPUT
- VALID OUTLINE CHARS.
- ENCODE/DECODE BASE
- CURRENT MODEL'S NODE OUTLINE TABLE

## PROCESS

**3.0**

1. Set the index number to 0.

2. Prompt the user for a node identifier; if no response is given, do step 6 with index number equal to 0.

3. Check the user's input for valid outline specification.

4. Convert the user-specified input to an encoded representation.

5. Determine if the user-specified node exists in the model:

   a. If the node does not exist, display an error message and repeat from step 1.

   b. Otherwise, do step 6.

6. Return the index number of the valid node outline number or zero for no response.

**Return**

## OUTPUT

- INDEX = 0
- DISPLAY PROMPT
- USER RESPONSE
- ENCODED OUTLINE NUMBER
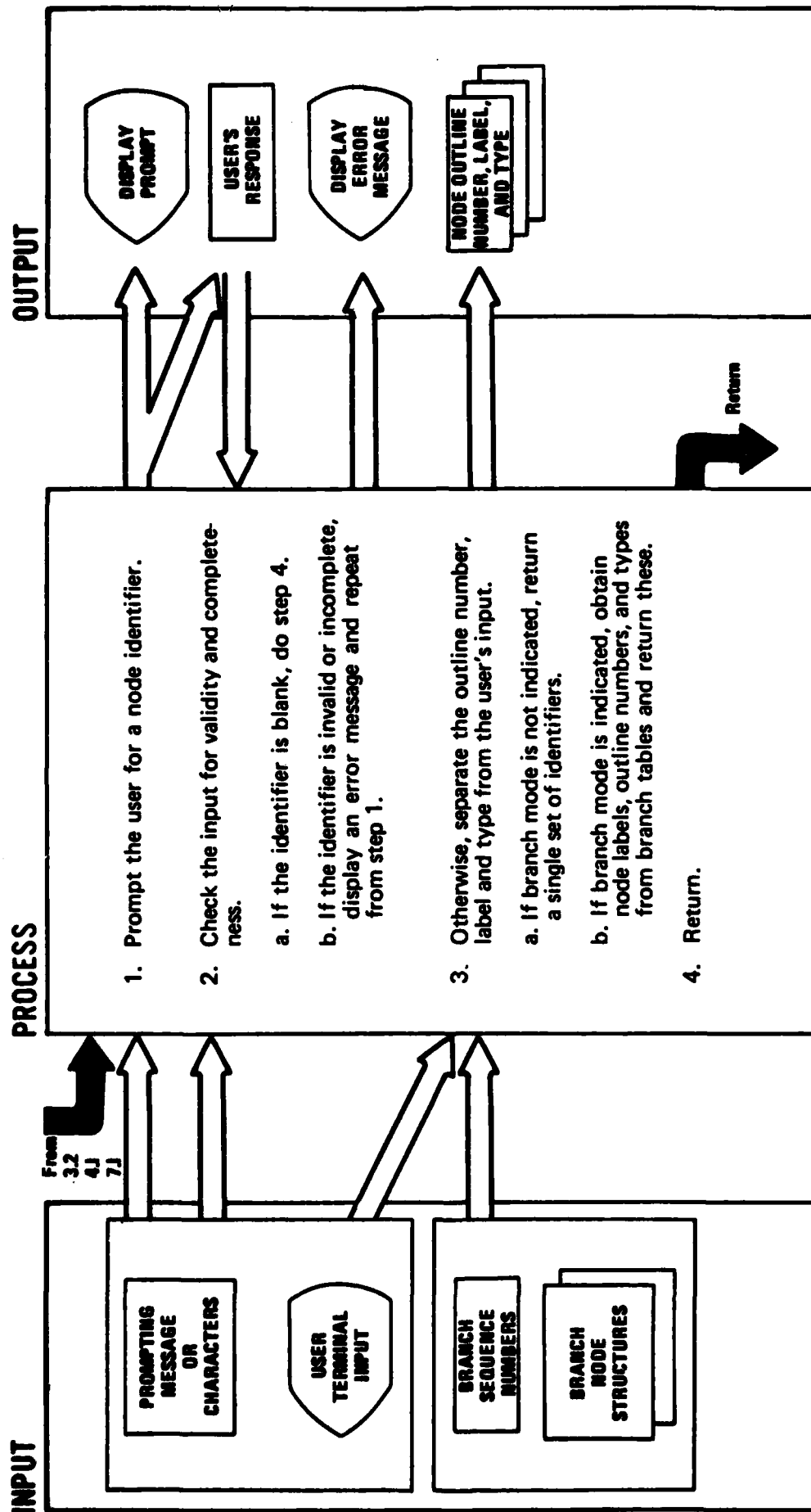- DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE
- NODE INDEX NUMBER OR ZERO

**Extended Description**

5. The existing outline table is searched for a matching encoded outline number. It is the index into this table of the matching outline number which is returned to the calling routine in step 6.

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**INPUT**

NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES

SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS

NODE INDEX

From 3.0

I3

**PROCESS**

1. Determine the second node identifier.

| SPLIT | |
|---|---|
| | 3.2.1 |

2. If a second node identifier is blank (not given), then delete the node from the structure.

| DELETE | |
|---|---|
| | 3.2.2 |

3. If a second node identifier is given, replace the old node definitions.

4. Return.

Return

**OUTPUT**

NODE OUTLINE NUMBER, LABEL, TYPE

I3

SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS

NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES

**Extended Description**

1. The user is prompted for all node identification information — the node outline number, the node label or name and its type. (See diagram 2.2 for a description of these items.)

2. A null entry or blank response from the user indicates that the node is to be deleted from the current structure.

3. Replace the outline number, the node label and type in the appropriate arrays with the new ones.
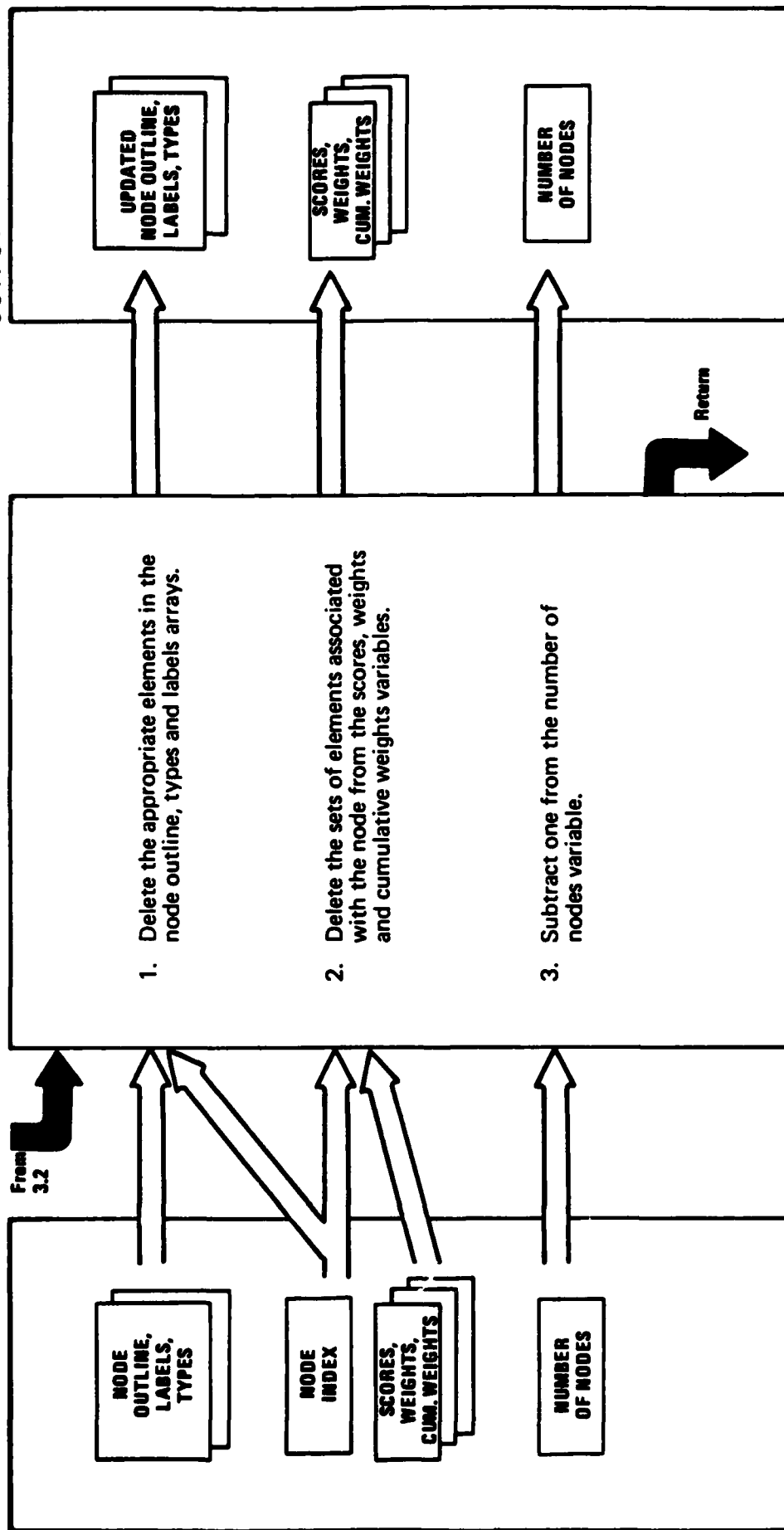
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## INPUT

From
3.2
4.1
7.1

- PROMPTING MESSAGE OR CHARACTERS
- USER TERMINAL INPUT
- BRANCH SEQUENCE NUMBERS
- BRANCH NODE STRUCTURES

## PROCESS

1. Prompt the user for a node identifier.

2. Check the input for validity and completeness.

   a. If the identifier is blank, do step 4.

   b. If the identifier is invalid or incomplete, display an error message and repeat from step 1.

3. Otherwise, separate the outline number, label and type from the user's input.

   a. If branch mode is not indicated, return a single set of identifiers.

   b. If branch mode is indicated, obtain node labels, outline numbers, and types from branch tables and return these.

4. Return.

Return

## OUTPUT

- DISPLAY PROMPT
- USER'S RESPONSE
- DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE
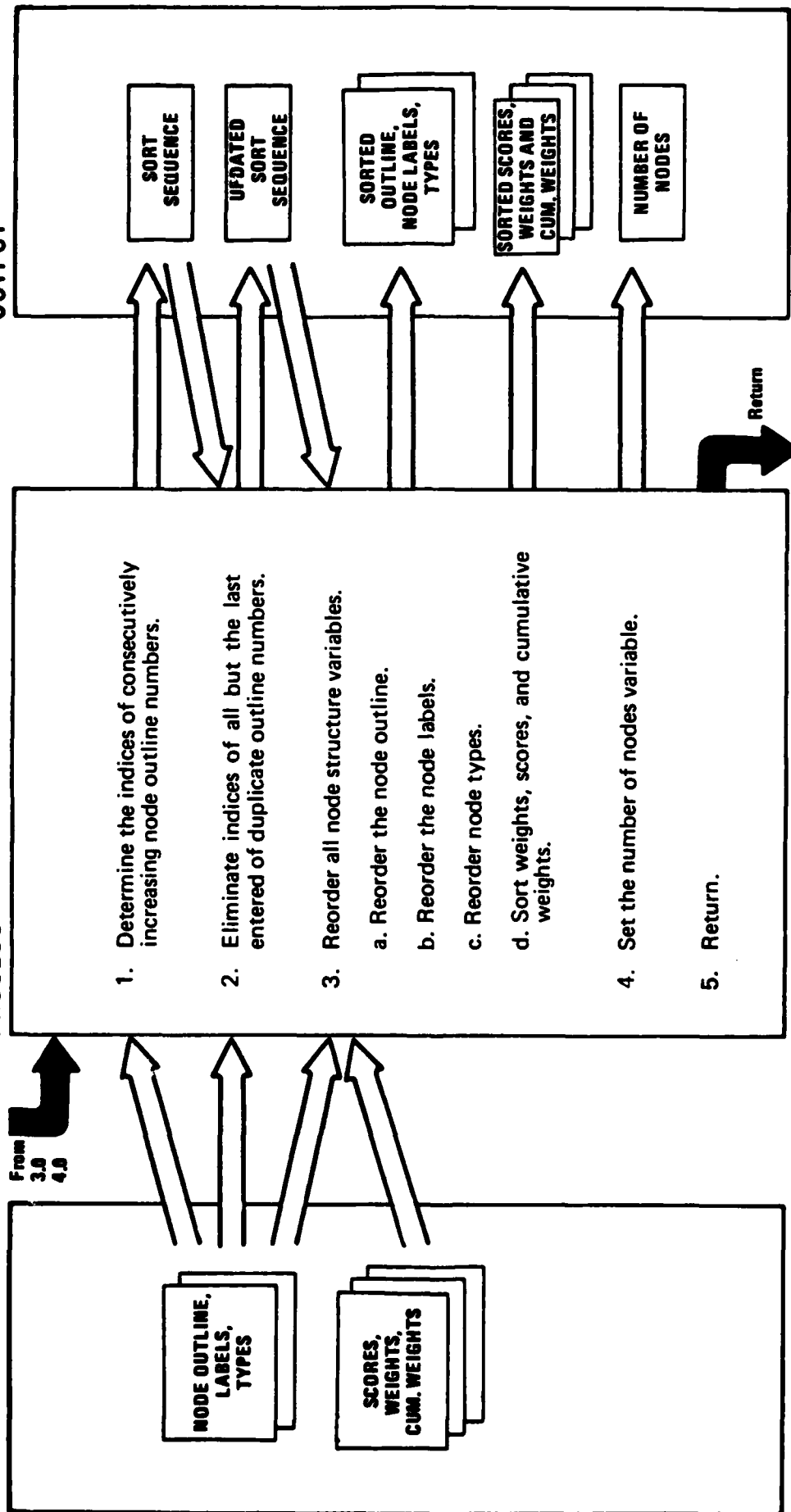- NODE OUTLINE NUMBER, LABEL, AND TYPE

## Extended Description

1. The user is required to input the identifying information for a particular node in either an existing structure or one that is currently being defined.

2. Proper node identification consists of an outline sequence number which has a hierarchical relationship to other nodes in the structure, a label or descriptive name, and a node "type" indicator. The three variables are usually entered with commas or some other punctuation separating each one from the other.

A special character, such as an asterisk (*) or pound sign (#), should be used to designate that a group or subtree is being specified. The special character would be the first in the input line of the user's response.
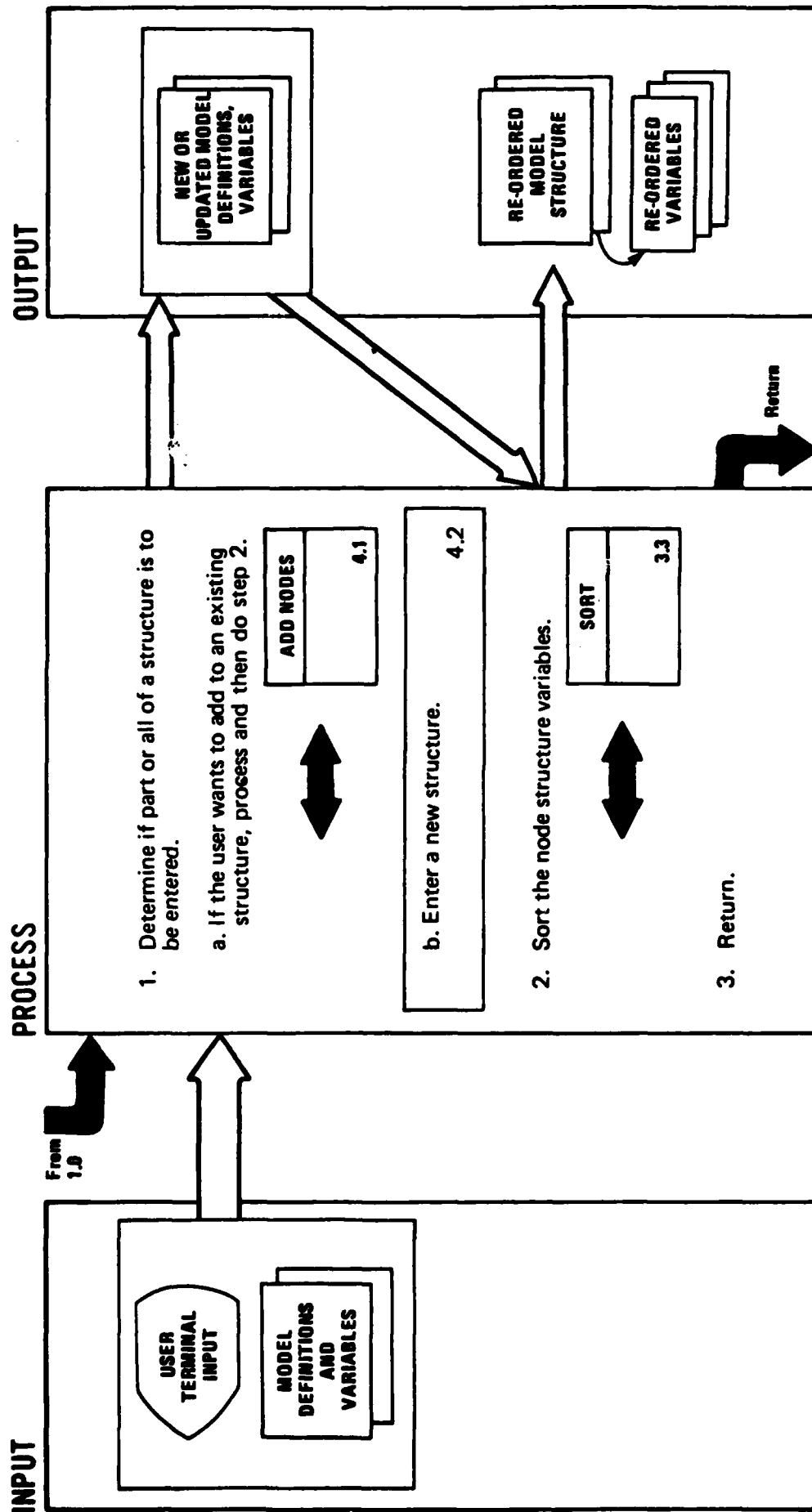
3. The outline number — numerically encoded to a sufficiently large number, the label, and type are returned as separate variables.

If a branch or subtree is being specified, the appropriate node labels, outline numbers and types are obtained from the branch structure tables. A group of encoded outline numbers, a group of labels and the group types are all returned to the calling routine. The new outline numbers have been encoded again to agree with the node after which the branch or subtree is being placed in hierarchical fashion.

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**INPUT**

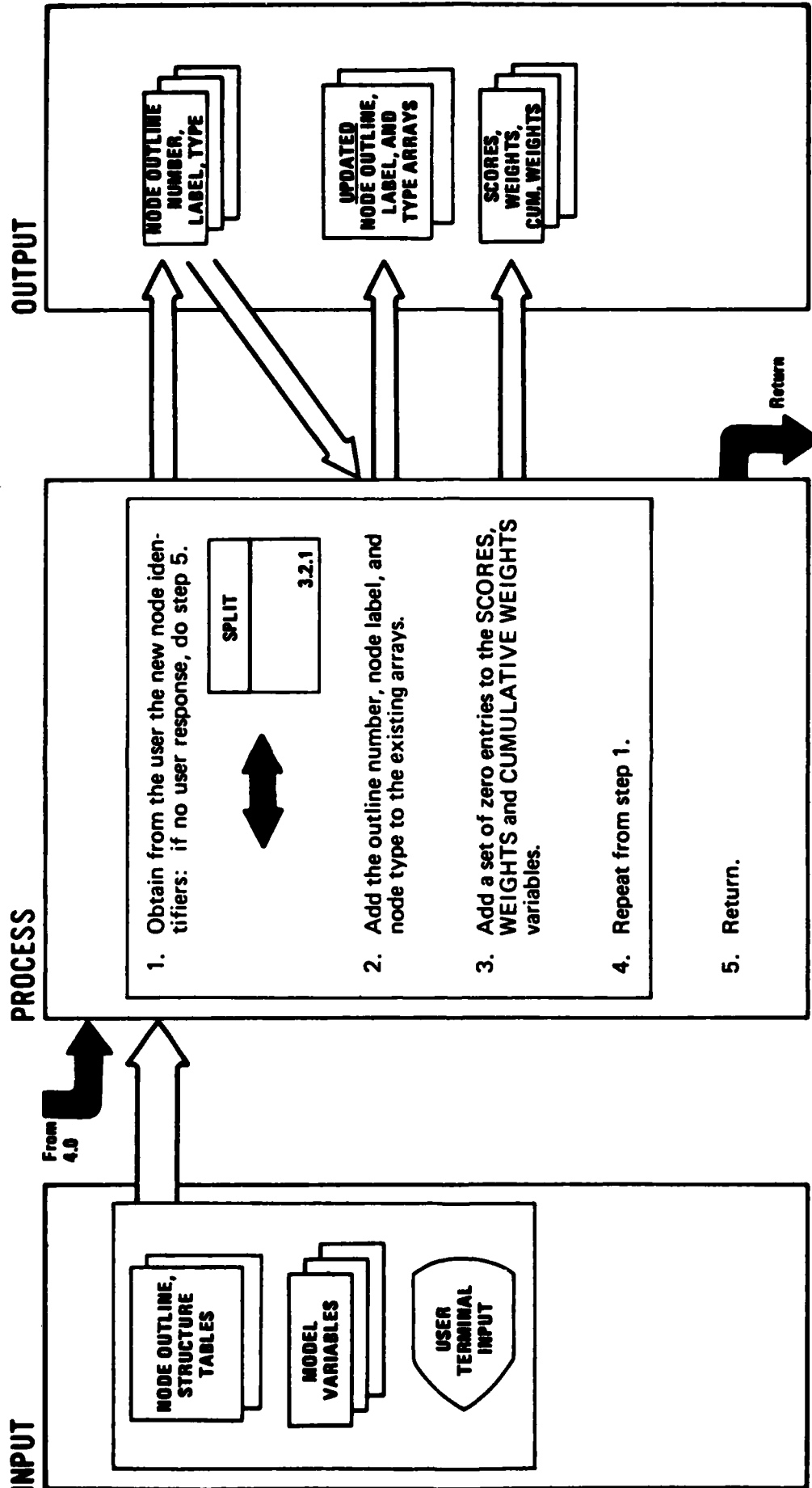- NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES
- NODE INDEX
- SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS
- NUMBER OF NODES

**PROCESS**

From 3.2

1. Delete the appropriate elements in the node outline, types and labels arrays.

2. Delete the sets of elements associated with the node from the scores, weights and cumulative weights variables.

3. Subtract one from the number of nodes variable.

Return

**OUTPUT**

- UPDATED NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES
- SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS
- NUMBER OF NODES

## INPUT

NODE OUTLINE,
LABELS,
TYPES

SCORES,
WEIGHTS,
CUM. WEIGHTS

## PROCESS

From
3.0
4.0

1. Determine the indices of consecutively increasing node outline numbers.

2. Eliminate indices of all but the last entered of duplicate outline numbers.

3. Reorder all node structure variables.

   a. Reorder the node outline.

   b. Reorder the node labels.

   c. Reorder node types.

   d. Sort weights, scores, and cumulative weights.

4. Set the number of nodes variable.

5. Return.

## OUTPUT

SORT
SEQUENCE

UPDATED
SORT
SEQUENCE

SORTED
OUTLINE,
NODE LABELS,
TYPES

SORTED SCORES,
WEIGHTS AND
CUM. WEIGHTS

NUMBER OF
NODES

Return

**Extended Description**

1. The relative indices or locations in the numerically encoded set of outline numbers in increasing value are determined. These indices constitute the sort sequence and will be used to rearrange the structure variables.
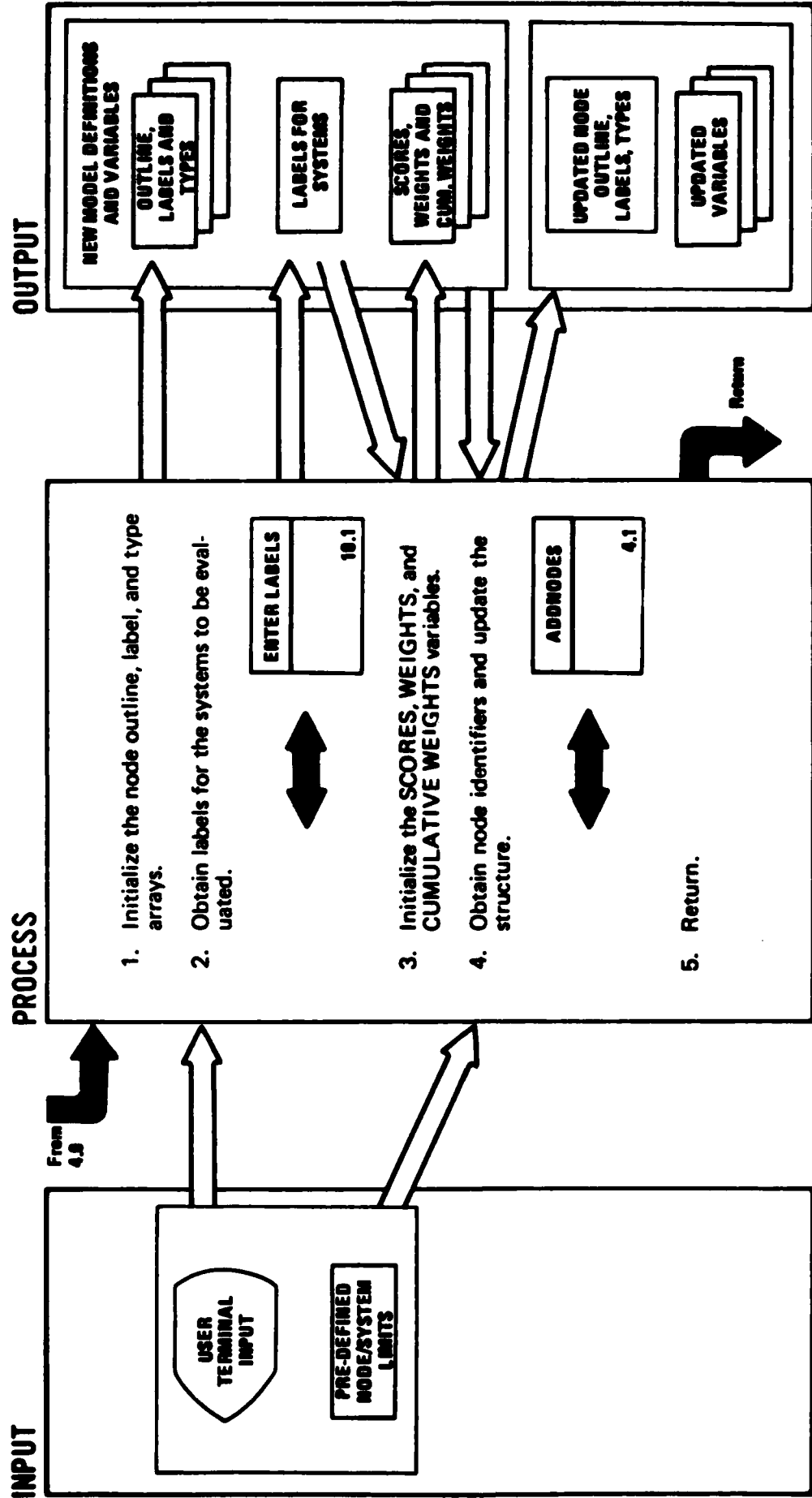
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# INPUT

USER TERMINAL INPUT

MODEL DEFINITIONS AND VARIABLES

# PROCESS

From 1.0

1. Determine if part or all of a structure is to be entered.

a. If the user wants to add to an existing structure, process and then do step 2.

| ADD NODES | |
|---|---|
| | 4.1 |

b. Enter a new structure.

4.2

2. Sort the node structure variables.

| SORT | |
|---|---|
| | 3.3 |

3. Return.

# OUTPUT

NEW OR UPDATED MODEL DEFINITIONS, VARIABLES

RE-ORDERED MODEL STRUCTURE

RE-ORDERED VARIABLES

Return

# Extended Description

1. Request a "yes" or "no" response directly from the user to determine whether a new structure is to be entered or nodes are to be added to an existing structure.

b. If a new structure is entered, all currently defined variables of the old structures are deleted.

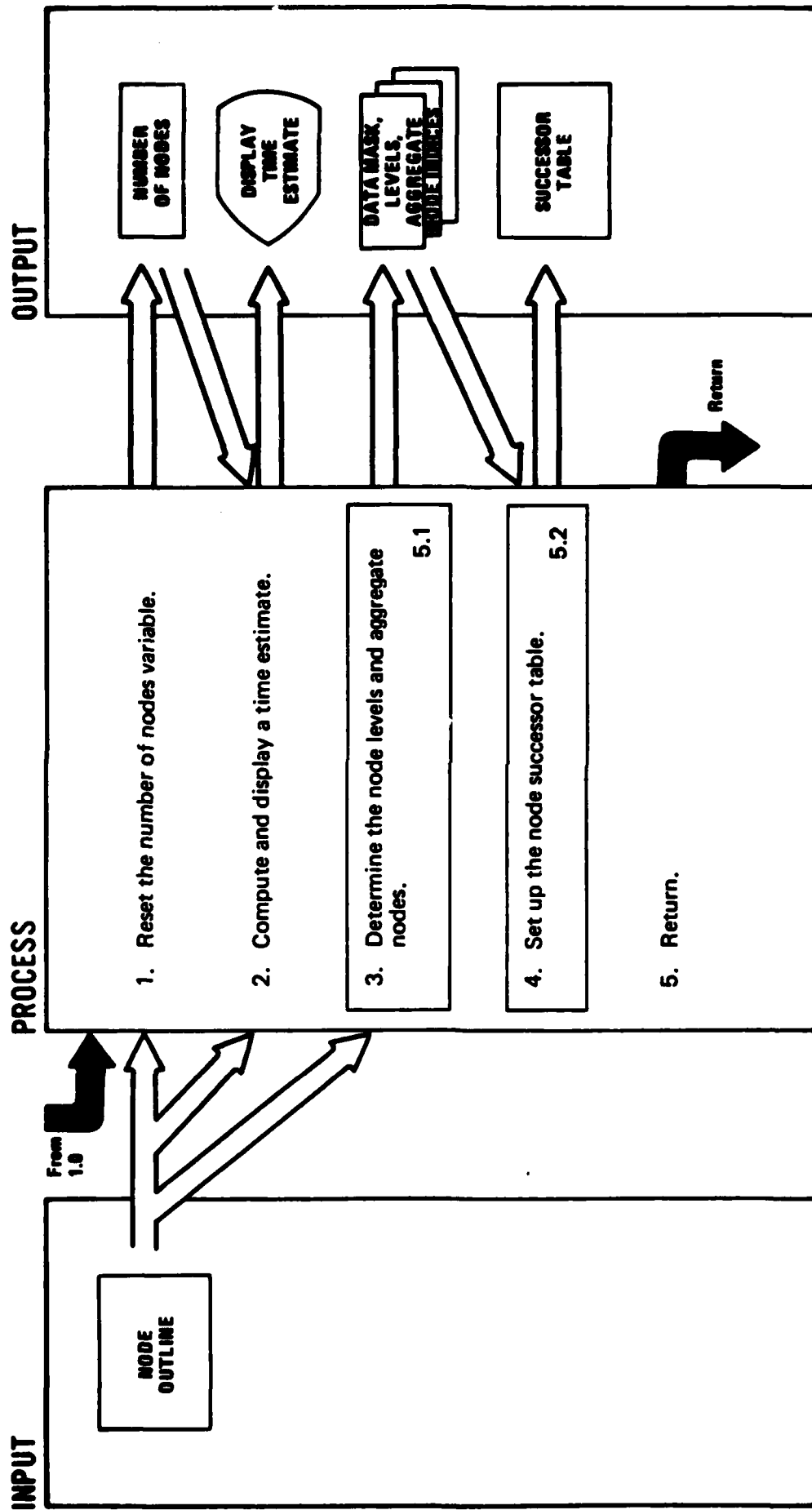2. An explanation of the sorting function is given in diagram 3.3 of the STRUCTURE System Specifications.

## INPUT

NODE OUTLINE, STRUCTURE TABLES

MODEL VARIABLES

USER TERMINAL INPUT

From 4.0

## PROCESS

1. Obtain from the user the new node identifiers: if no user response, do step 5.

| SPLIT | |
|---|---|
| | 3.2.1 |

2. Add the outline number, node label, and node type to the existing arrays.

3. Add a set of zero entries to the SCORES, WEIGHTS and CUMULATIVE WEIGHTS variables.

4. Repeat from step 1.

5. Return.

Return

## OUTPUT

NODE OUTLINE NUMBER, LABEL, TYPE

UPDATED NODE OUTLINE, LABEL, AND TYPE ARRAYS

SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS

**Extended Description**

2.3. Additions to previously initialized or existing variables are accomplished by extending the arrays such that the corresponding orders of associated labels, scores, types, weights and decoded outline numbers are the same.

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## INPUT

USER TERMINAL INPUT

PRE-DEFINED NODE/SYSTEM LIMITS

## PROCESS

From 4.9

1. Initialize the node outline, label, and type arrays.

2. Obtain labels for the systems to be evaluated.

| ENTER LABELS | 10.1 |

3. Initialize the SCORES, WEIGHTS, and CUMULATIVE WEIGHTS variables.

4. Obtain node identifiers and update the structure.

| ADDNODES | 4.1 |

5. Return.

## OUTPUT

NEW MODEL DEFINITIONS AND VARIABLES

OUTLINE, LABELS AND TYPES

LABELS FOR SYSTEMS

SCORES, WEIGHTS AND CUM. WEIGHTS

UPDATED NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES

UPDATED VARIABLES

Return

## Extended Description

1. Initialization is caused by establishing null or blank vectors for the specified variables.

2. Labels for the systems to be evaluated are obtained from later storage and for the determination of the length of any set of SCORES.

4. The user is prompted for input which will be used to define a hierarchical tree structure described by outline numbers, labels and types of nodes within the structure.

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

From 1.0

INPUT box:
- NODE OUTLINE

PROCESS steps:
1. Reset the number of nodes variable.
2. Compute and display a time estimate.
3. Determine the node levels and aggregate nodes.  **5.1**
4. Set up the node successor table.  **5.2**
5. Return.

Return

OUTPUT boxes:
- NUMBER OF NODES
- DISPLAY TIME ESTIMATE
- DATA MASK, LEVELS, AGGREGATE DEFINITIONS
- SUCCESSOR TABLE

**Extended Description**

1. The number of nodes is equal to the number of entries in the outline array.

2. A rough estimate of the amount of time required to perform the developing operation may be displayed. The estimate is derived from the number of nodes in the model.

3. The data level mask indicates which nodes in the model are at the data level and which nodes are aggregate nodes. The aggregate node indices are indices into the node outline of nodes which are not at the data level. The LEVELS variable shows how far away a particular node is from the lowest level.

4. The successor table provides a set of contributing node indices for each aggregate node in the same order as aggregate node appearance in the outline.

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**INPUT**

NODE OUTLINE

NUMBER OF NODES

From 5.0

**PROCESS**

1. Define the data mask variable.

2. For all elements in the data mask variable which indicate non-data level nodes, define a vector of the associated indices.

3. Determine the number of sublevels of contributing nodes.

4. Return.

Return

**OUTPUT**

DATA LEVEL MASK

AGGREGATE NODE INDICES

LEVELS

**Extended Description**

1. For each node in the model outline, an element is placed in a vector to indicate that node is a data level node or that it is an aggregate node having other contributing nodes.

The indicator may be 0 for data level and 1 for the aggregate level or vice versa.

2. The data level mask indicator setting for each node in the outline is used to determine the aggregate node indices — indices into the node outline.

3. The farthest element or data level node from the topmost node is determined. The topmost node is assigned the number of levels between it and the data level farthest away (the depth of the path with the most sub-level tree branches). All other nodes are assigned a value equal to the top-level's minus its distance (number of levels) from the top.

## INPUT

- **NUMBER OF NODES**
- **DATA MASK**
- **AGGREGATE NODE INDICES**
- **LEVELS**

From 5.0

## PROCESS

1. Initialize an array of maximum size for the successor table.

2. For each node of the model, check its associated element in the data mask.

   a. If the data mask element indicates a data-level node, do step 2.c.

   b. If the data mask element indicates an aggregate node, add a row to the successor table of all the contributing node indices.

   c. Repeat from step 2 for the next node until all nodes have been checked.

3. Shrink the table from maximum size as appropriate.

Return

## OUTPUT

- **INITIAL TABLE**
- **SUCCESSOR TABLE**
- **UPDATED SUCCESSOR TABLE**

### Extended Description

1. The maximum size table is prescribed by the number of aggregate nodes and the predefined limit to the number of contributing nodes on any single level.

2. This procedure steps through the data mask variable in sequential order: the contributing nodes of the topmost aggregate node will be added to the successor table first.

2.b. If the nodes' associated data mask element indicates an aggregate node, then the contributing nodes are all the nodes which follow in sequential order that have an associated LEVELS number that is less then the selected nodes LEVELS numbers, provided these nodes occur before any node with equal or higher LEVELS number.

3. Since the number of elements in any set of contributing nodes may be less than the predefined limit, the number of columns (or characters) in the table may be diminished.
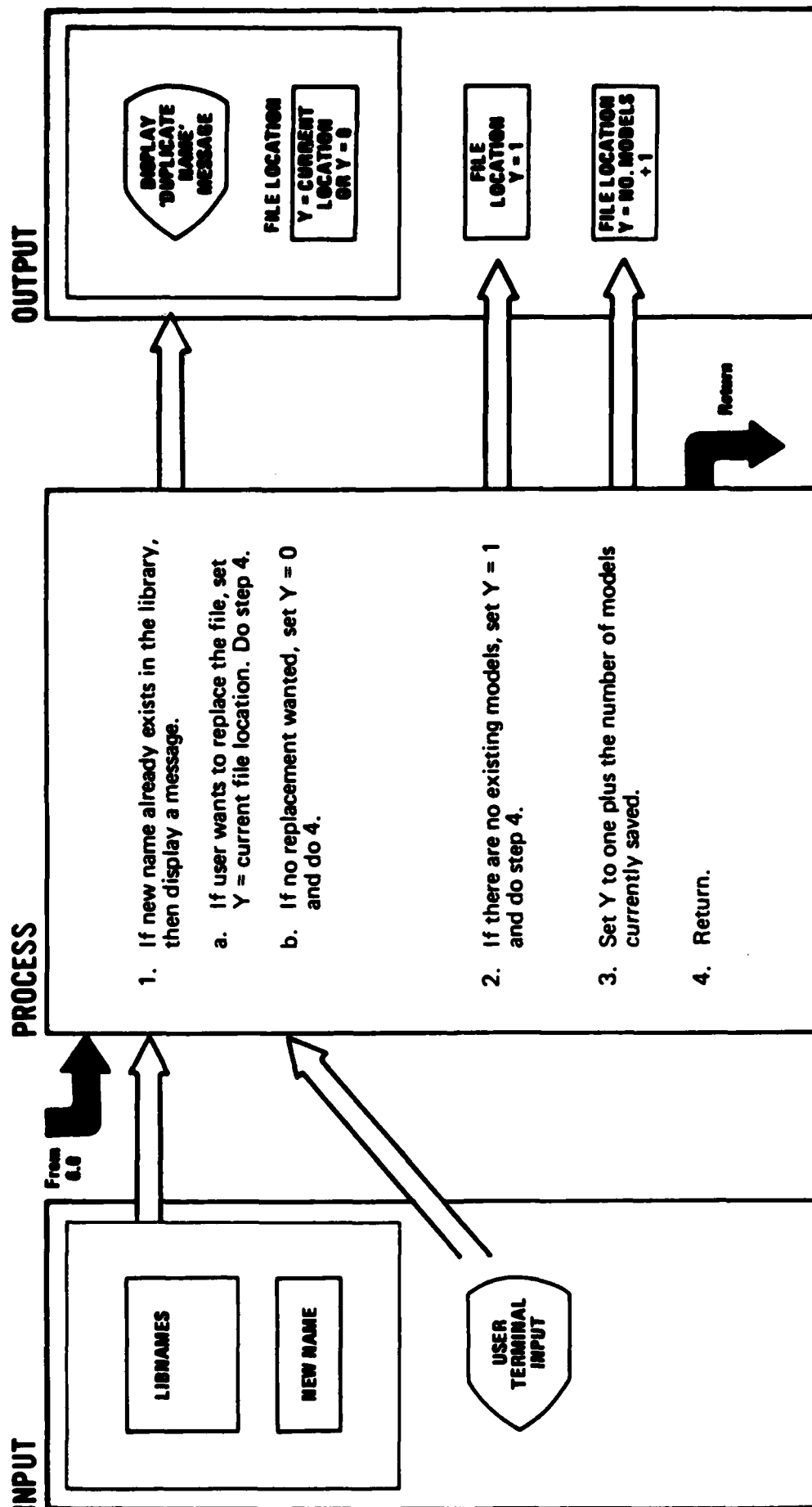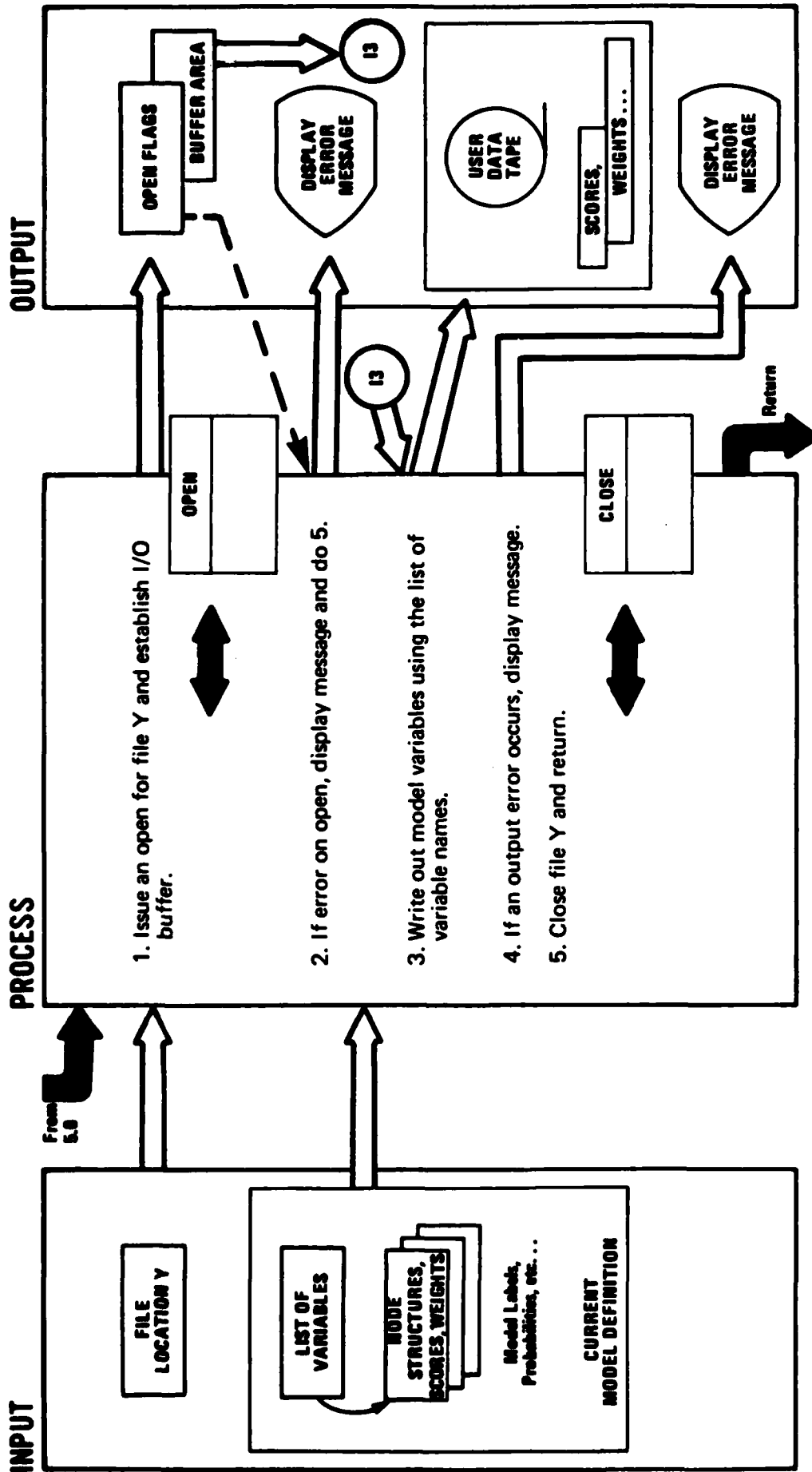
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**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

USER DATA TAPE

MODEL NAMES

USER TERMINAL INPUT

From 1.0

1.  Issue a message to mount the required tape and wait for a response.

2.  Load in the model names.

LOADLIB    2.1

3.  Display existing files and obtain name for new file. If no name is entered, do step 8.

4.  Determine file location Y.

FILELOC    6.1

DISPLAY MOUNT, WAIT MESSAGES

LIBNAMES

DISPLAY MODEL NAMES

NEW MODEL NAME

LOCATION Y

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**Extended Description**

1. The computer program prompts for an indication that the desired storage file/device has been selected and placed online. Any response from the keyboard causes processing to resume.

4. The existing file structure and the amount of available space on the data tape are checked along with the user specification to determine where the model variables are to be stored.

## INPUT

VARIABLE LIST

MODEL DEFINITIONS

NODE STRUCTURES, SCORES, WEIGHTS

LIBNAMES

## PROCESS

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5. If location Y = 0, then repeat 2. Otherwise, save model on file Y.

DUMPVARS 6.2

6. Add or replace new file name in list of saved models.

7. Save the new list of existing models.

SAVELIB 6.3

8. Return.

## OUTPUT

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USER DATA TAPE

MODEL VARIABLES

NEW MODEL NAME

UPDATED LIBNAMES

USER DATA TAPE

PRE-MOUNTED AND POSITIONED TO FILE ADDRESS

Return

**Extended Description**

6. The library name list is updated to include the new file. The new model name's position in the LIBNAMES array must be the same relative position to other models stored on the device.

**INPUT**

LIBNAMES

NEW NAME

USER TERMINAL INPUT

**PROCESS**

From 6.0

1. If new name already exists in the library, then display a message.

   a. If user wants to replace the file, set Y = current file location. Do step 4.

   b. If no replacement wanted, set Y = 0 and do 4.

2. If there are no existing models, set Y = 1 and do step 4.

3. Set Y to one plus the number of models currently saved.

4. Return.

Return

**OUTPUT**

DISPLAY 'DUPLICATE NAME' MESSAGE

FILE LOCATION
Y = CURRENT LOCATION
OR Y = 0

FILE LOCATION
Y = 1

FILE LOCATION
Y = NO. MODELS + 1

## INPUT

- FILE LOCATION Y
- LIST OF VARIABLES
- NODE STRUCTURES, SCORES, WEIGHTS
- Model Labels, Probabilities, etc...
- CURRENT MODEL DEFINITION

## PROCESS

From 5.0

1. Issue an open for file Y and establish I/O buffer.

OPEN

2. If error on open, display message and do 5.

3. Write out model variables using the list of variable names.

4. If an output error occurs, display message.

5. Close file Y and return.

CLOSE

Return

## OUTPUT

- OPEN FLAGS
- BUFFER AREA
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- DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE
- USER DATA TAPE
- SCORES, WEIGHTS...
- DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE

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**Extended Description**

1. The file location Y is used to determine an exact storage position on the selected device.

3. The list of variable names is identical to the list of names used to Load a Model (see diagram 2.2)

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## INPUT

LIBRARY FILE ADDRESS

USER TERMINAL INPUT

USER DATA TAPE

FILE MOUNTED AND IN WRITE POSITION

## PROCESS

From 6.0

1. Issue an open for output to the library data set.

2. If an error is detected, display an error message. Wait for a response and then repeat 1.

3. Write out library file names.

4. Close the library data set.

5. If error is detected, display message, wait for a response.

OPEN

CLOSE

## OUTPUT

I/O FLAGS BUFFER

USER DATA TAPE

MODEL NAMES

I/O FLAGS

Return

# INPUT

**USER TERMINAL INPUT**

**BRANCH SEQUENCE NUMBERS**

**CURRENTLY-DEFINED BRANCH STRUCTURES**

From 1.0

# PROCESS

1. Prompt the user for the next branch sequence number; if no number is given, do step 5.

2. Determine whether or not the branch is a new one.

   a. If the branch is new, add to the branch sequence number and initialize branch label, outline, and type.

   b. If the branch has already been defined, add to the branch labels, outline, and type.

3. Determine if the branch is to be symmetric and process a. or b.

   | a. Create a non-symmetric branch. | 7.1 |

   | b. Create a symmetric branch. | 7.2 |

4. Repeat from step 1.

5. Return.

# OUTPUT

**BRANCH SEQUENCE NO.**

**UPDATED BRANCH STRUCTURES**

**BRANCH SEQUENCE NUMBERS**

**UPDATED BRANCH STRUCTURES**

Return

**Extended Description**

The user is allowed to create separate branch or subtree structures which may be added to the model structure under the "create a structure" process option.

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

USER TERMINAL INPUT

BRANCH STRUCTURE TABLES

From 7.0

1. Obtain branch node identifiers from the user. If no identifier is entered, do step 3.

SPLIT

2. Add entries to the branch node, label and type tables. Repeat from step 1.

3. Sort nodes in the branch or subtree into numerical sequence order.

4. Return.

NODE OUTLINE NUMBER, LABEL, TYPE

UPDATED BRANCH STRUCTURES

Return

## INPUT

USER TERMINAL INPUT

BRANCH NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES

## PROCESS

From 7.0

1. Determine the number of levels in the branch or subtree.

2. For each level of the subtree, obtain labels and structure for the nodes at that level.

    a. At each level, except level one, expand entries of the previous level in the branch labels table.

    b. At each level, except level one, expand the branch node outline table of the previous level.

    c. Assign the same node type to all nodes.

3. Return.

## OUTPUT

NUMBER OF BRANCH LEVELS

UPDATED BRANCH NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES

Return

**Extended Description**

Step 2 processing ensures that for each subsequent level of a multilevel branch structure the outline number, types and labels are all added in the correct numerical sequence to the outline, types and label entries at the previous level. (This is done for every branch node defined at the previous level.)

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# INPUT

- USER TERMINAL INPUT
- NODE OUTLINE, LABELS

From 1.0

# PROCESS

1. Determine which aggregate node is to be deleted. If no response from user, do step 7.

   | LOCATE | |
   |---|---|
   | | 3.1 |

2. Prompt user for a final change of request: If so, repeat from step 1.

3. Determine the indices of all nodes beneath the selected node.

4. Delete all associated elements in the node outline, labels and types arrays.

5. Delete all associated scores, weights and cumulative weights.

6. Reset the number of nodes variable.

7. Return.

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# OUTPUT

- SELECTED NODE INDEX
- DISPLAY CHANGE REQUEST
- GROUP NODE INDICES
- NODE OUTLINE, LABELS, TYPES
- SCORES, WEIGHTS, CUM. WEIGHTS
- NUMBER OF NODES

Return

**Extended Description**

The routine should be executed whenever a group of nodes is to be deleted from an existing node structure. The grouped nodes are all hierarchically placed below a certain aggregate node; hence, a user specification of an aggregate node in step 1 will cause that node and all its subsequent nodes to be deleted.

## INPUT

- NUMBER OF NODES
- NODE OUTLINE, LABELS
- USER TERMINAL INPUT

## PROCESS

From 1.0

1. Prompt the user to ready the printer.

2. For each node in the model outline, print on a single line the following items:
   - outline identifier number
   - node label

3. Repeat step 2 until all nodes have been processed.

4. Return.

Return

## OUTPUT

- DISPLAY PROMPT
- OUTLINE IDENTIFIER (CONVERTED)
- PRINTER LISTING

**Extended Description**

2. The decoded outline identifier number is formatted for output. The output should be equivalent to the user's original input during the creation of the structure.

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## INPUT

LABEL
NUMBER OR
IDENTIFIER

USER
TERMINAL
INPUT

MAX. NO.
CHARACTERS

General

## PROCESS

1. Prompt the user for label input after displaying the label number/ID.

2. Strip the label of trailing blanks.

3. Check the length of the input label.

a. If the length of the label is greater than the maximum, display an error message and repeat from step 1.

b. Return the valid label.

## OUTPUT

DISPLAY
AND
PROMPT

INPUT
LABEL

DISPLAY
ERROR
MESSAGE

VALID
LABEL

Return

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## INPUT

DISPLAY TITLE

OPTIONAL SELECTION ITEMS

USER TERMINAL INPUT

General Calls

## PROCESS

1. Display title(s).

2. Display the optional selection items with numerical sequence identifiers.

3. Determine the numerical identifier for the desired selection.

   a. Prompt the user for input.

   b. Check the input selection for validity. If the value is negative or greater than the number of items, display error message and repeat from 3.

4. Return the numerical index number or zero when no selection is made.

## OUTPUT

DISPLAY OF MENU ITEMS

DISPLAY

NUMERICAL INDEX NUMBER

DISPLAY

Return

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3. Prompt the user for the item sequence number of the choice selection.

   Check the validity of the user input.

## Extended Description

1. The title is passed to this routine so that the display will remain in context with the processing function. For example, a title may be 'DISPLAY RESULTS.'

2. The selections that describe what is optimal are passed as input and are displayed in a list or cookbook MENU format along with item sequence numbers.

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## INPUT

**TERMINAL INPUT**

INPUT CHARACTERS

VALID CHARACTER SET

## PROCESS

General Calls

1. Scan the input field for other than numerical, space, or sign characters. Edit periods, signs, spaces.

2. If an invalid character is specified, display an error message. Set return value to zero. Do 4.

3. If input characters are valid, convert these to a numerical value and set return value equal to it.

4. Return.

## OUTPUT

CHARACTER INPUT (Modified)

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DISPLAY

RETURN VALUE

13

Return

**Extended Description**

This routine will not be required if system error checking routines interface with the standard keyboard-display input.

**INPUT**

From
Control

**PROCESS**

1. Display message telling user to load data tape before proceeding.

2. Wait for user response.

3. Have user load a model.

| LOADDRIVE |
| --- |
| 6.0 |

4. Present available functions to be performed.

| MENU |
| --- |
| 10.2 |

5. Based on user selection, perform one of the following (Repeat from step 4 after any of steps a—h).

   a. Display results.

| |
| --- |
| 2.0 |

**OUTPUT**

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5.1.

**Extended Description**

3. The model variables are all loaded into the current work area at this time, or whenever the user wishes to load a new model. Consequently, this documentation assumes that these variables are "global" and always available for reference, input to procedures, or modification.

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**OUTPUT**

**PROCESS**

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5.a.

b . Sensitivity analysis.    3.0

c . Edit values.    4.0

d . Print results.    5.0

e . Load model.    6.0

f . Save model.    7.0

g . New values.    8.0

h . Print data sheet.    9.0

i . Terminate program.

Exit

**INPUT**

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## OUTPUT

## PROCESS

1. Blank display screen.

2. Display request for node outline number.

3. Read a line from the terminal.

4. Convert input character string to a numeric vector.

| NUMBERSONLY |
|---|
| 10.3 |

5. If numeric vector is not null,

   a. Determine node to display/edit.

| GETNODE |
|---|
| 2.1 |

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5.b.

1.0
4.0

## INPUT

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

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5.a.

PARAMETER
INDICATING
SELECTED OPTION

b . If requested aggregate node exists,

   1) Display node with contributing
      nodes.

   2) If edit option was selected, edit
      weights for contributing nodes.

6 . If numeric vector is not null, go to
    step 2.

| DISP |
|------|
| 2.2 |

| EDITWT |
|--------|
| 2.3 |

Return

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## INPUT

- INPUT CHARACTER STRING

- NUMERIC VECTOR OF LAST PROCESSED NODE OUTLINE NUMBER

- NUMERIC VECTOR CONVERTED FROM CHARACTER STRING

## PROCESS

2.0

1. If character string contains a special character indicating to scan up or down a path of the model,

   a. Set the node outline number equal to the last processed node number.

   b. If the first element of the numeric vector is non-zero add the value to end of the last processed outline number.

   c. If the first element of the numeric vector is zero, delete the last element of the last processed outline number.

2. If the character string does not contain a scan character, set the node outline number equal to the numeric vector.

3. Convert new node outline number to same representation as stored in OUTLINE.

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## OUTPUT

**Extended Description**

b. This generates a node outline number one level deeper than the previously processed node. For example, if the previously processed number were 3.2.5 and the input '(6)' (where the right parenthesis is the scan operator) the new node outline number would be 3.2.5.6.

c. This generates a node outline number one level higher than the previously processed node. For example, if the previously processed number were 3.2.5 and the input '0)' (where the right parenthesis is the scan operator), the new node outline number would be 3.2.

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**INPUT**

OUTLINE

AGGREGATE
NODE
INDICES

**PROCESS**

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3.

4. Get index of matching element in outline.

5. If no match found, or node is not an aggregate node, display error message.

Return

**OUTPUT**

INDEX OF
REQUESTED
NODE

## OUTPUT

## PROCESS

1. Get labels of nodes of up to 3 levels up from requested node.

TRACE

2.2.1

2. Display heading consisting of requested node number and label, up to 3 additional levels of labels and node type of requested node.

3. Display subheading indicating the meaning of the values specified in each column, including the system labels.

2.0
8.2

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## INPUT

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## OUTPUT

## PROCESS

4. Generate and display array consisting of the following information for each contributing node:

   a. A sequential number from 1 through number of contributing nodes.

   b. Node label.

   c. Weight.

   d. Scores for each system.

   e. Cum. weight.

5. Display the total scores and cum. weight, which are those associated with requested node.

Return

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3.

## INPUT

SUCCESSOR
TABLE, WEIGHTS,
SCORES, DATA
LEVEL MASK,
CUM. WEIGHTS,
NODE LABELS

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## INPUT

OUTLINE

LABELS

## PROCESS

2.2

1. Following a thread up through the model structure. determine the node indices of up to three higher levels.

2. Generate a displayable vector of the node labels of the up to four nodes seperated by hyphens.

Return

## OUTPUT

CHARACTER VECTORS

**Extended Description**

For instance, if the requested node number is 1.4.2.6, the next higher level would be 1.4.2, and the fourth (or highest) calculated level would be 1.4.

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**OUTPUT**

**PROCESS**

1 . Get indices for contributing nodes.

2.2.2.1

2 . Display title.

3 . Display and edit vector of weights for this node.

EDITLINE
Edit Numeric Vector
2.3.1

4 . Normalize vector of weights.

NORMALIZE
2.3.2

5 . Display normalized weights.

6 . Ask if weights are correct.

YESNO
10.4

2.0
8.2

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7.

**INPUT**

SUCCESSOR TABLE

WEIGHTS

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

7. If weights are not correct, go to step 3.

8. Replace old weights with new weights.

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Return

**OUTPUT**

WEIGHTS

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## INPUT

NUMERIC VECTOR

ALPHANUMERIC LABEL

## PROCESS

2.3
4.1

1. Count the number of elements in the input vector.

2. Format the vector, add backspaces for cursor position, attach to label, and display.

3. Read a line from the display.

4. Delete label, convert string into numbers.

NUMBERSONLY

10.3

5. If the number of elements is less than the original vector, left justify the vector and fill with zeros.

6. If the number of elements is greater than the original vector, drop the extra elements.

## OUTPUT

NUMERIC VECTOR

Return

## INPUT

NUMERIC
VECTOR

2.3

## PROCESS

1. Divide each element of the vector by the sum of the elements of the vector, and multiply each element by 100.

2. Repeat step 1 once for all vector elements.

Return

## OUTPUT

NUMERIC
VECTOR

**Extended Description**

1. Performing this operation converts a group of arbitrary values to a group of values that add up to 100. The values all maintain the same relativity.

2. Performing this operation twice allows the case where the original values are all zero. The final result is a group of equal numbers that add up to 100.

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# INPUT

NODE
TYPES

# PROCESS

1. Blank display screen.

2. If all nodes in structure are not type W (weighted additive) display error message and return.

3. If all nodes are type W.

    a. Elicit index of desired node.

| LOCATE | |
|---|---|
| | 10.1 |

    b. If index is not zero,

      1) Elicit ranges for computing sensitivity and display title.

| GETRANGE | |
|---|---|
| | 3.1 |

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3.3.2

# OUTPUT

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

| CALCSENS | |
|---|---|
| | 3.2 |

2) Calculate sensitivity values.

3) Display sensitivity matrix.

4) Wait for user acknowledgment.

5) Go to step 1.

Return

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3.1

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**INPUT**

OUTLINE,
NODE LABELS,
CUML. WEIGHTS

**PROCESS**

1. Display title consisting of node outline number, node label, and current cum. weight.

2. Get minimum cum. weight to consider.

| ENTERLINE |
|---|
| 3.1.1 |

3. Get maximum cum. weight to consider.

| ENTERLINE |
|---|
| 3.1.1 |

4. Blank display screen.

5. Display title consisting of node outline number, node label, and current cum. weight.

6. Display column title consisting of 'weight' and system labels.

3.0

**OUTPUT**

Return

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## INPUT

**NUMERIC SCALER NUMBER OF VALUES TO READ**

**CHARACTER VECTOR LABEL TO DISPLAY**

## PROCESS

3.1

1. Display character vector and underscores for each value to be entered.

2. Read line from display, stripping off characters vector.

3. Strip out non numeric characters and convert to numeric vector.

| NUMBERSONLY |
|---|
| 10.3 |

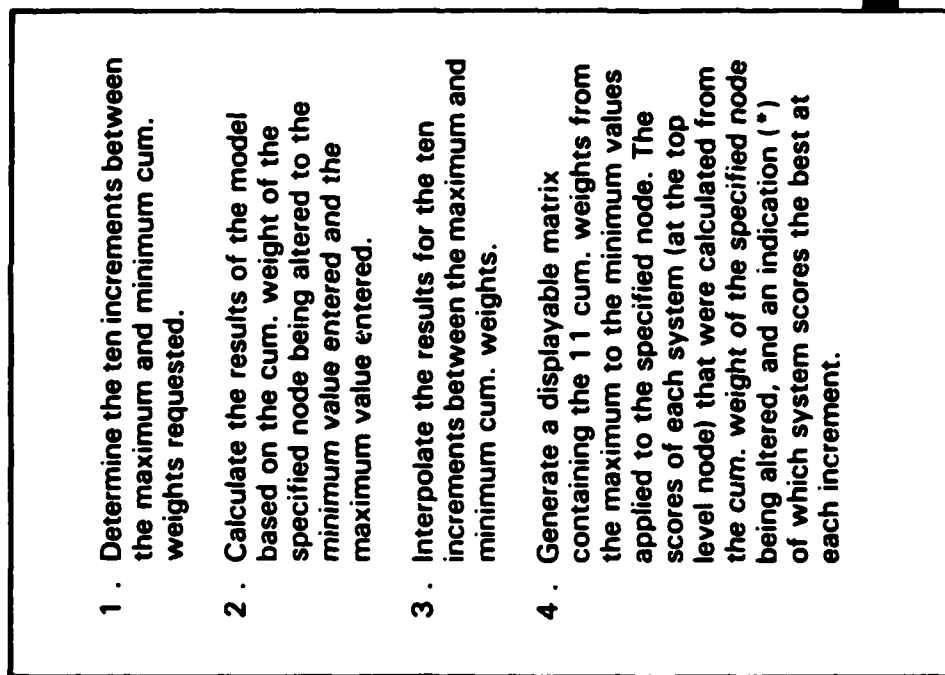4. Set result to numeric vector with the number of elements specified by input parameter. If user entered less, pad with zeros. If user entered more, truncate.
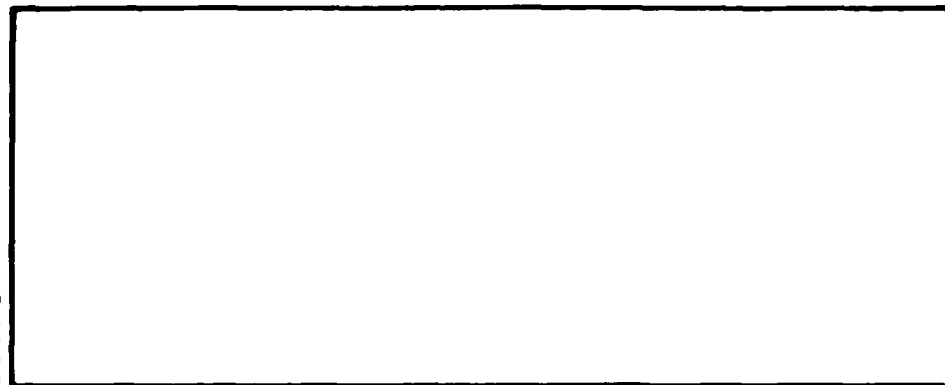
## OUTPUT

**NUMERIC VECTOR USER ENTERED VALUES**

Return

## INPUT

SCORES, CUM. WEIGHTS, MOSYS

3.0

## PROCESS

1. Determine the ten increments between the maximum and minimum cum. weights requested.

2. Calculate the results of the model based on the cum. weight of the specified node being altered to the minimum value entered and the maximum value entered.

3. Interpolate the results for the ten increments between the maximum and minimum cum. weights.

4. Generate a displayable matrix containing the 11 cum. weights from the maximum to the minimum values applied to the specified node. The scores of each system (at the top level node) that were calculated from the cum. weight of the specified node being altered, and an indication (*) of which system scores the best at each increment.

Return

## OUTPUT

## Extended Description

2. When the cum. weight of the specified node is altered, the total of the cum. weights of all other nodes automatically goes up or down such that the sum remains the same. The model variable containing the cum. weights does not have to be changed from its original set of values.

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## INPUT

## PROCESS

1. Elicit number of desired option from user.

2. If option selected,

   a. If edit weights selected,

   b. If edit scores selected,

   c. Go to step 1.

3. If no option selected, calculate model.

| MENU | 10.2 |

| SELECT | 2.0 |

| EDITSC | 4.1 |

| ROLLBACK | 4.2 |

1.0

Return

## OUTPUT

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

DATA LEVEL MASK

OUTLINE

NODE LABELS

SCORES

4.0

1 . Blank display screen.

2 . Elicit index of desired node.

| LOCATE | |
|---|---|
| | 16.1 |

3 . If index is not zero,

a . If node is not a data level node, display error message.

b . If node is a data level node,

1) Display system labels.

2) Form line label from node outline number and node label.

3) Allow user to edit values for this node.

| EDITLINE | |
|---|---|
| | 2.3.1 |

4 . Go to step 2 or exit if index is 0.

SCORES

Return

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# INPUT

AGGREGATE NODE INDICES, SUCCESSOR TABLE, NODE TYPES

# PROCESS

1. Initialize loop index through aggregate node indices.

2. For each aggregate node and its associated contributing nodes (in post order),

    a. If node is type A, apply additive rule.

      | A | 4.2.1 |

    b. If node is type M, apply multiplicative rule.

      | M | 4.2.2 |

    c. If node is type W, apply weighted additive rule.

      | W | 4.2.3 |

4.0
8.0

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3.

# OUTPUT

INPUT

PROCESS

OUTPUT

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2.c.

3 . Calculate cumulative weights.

| CUMWT |
|-------|
| 4.2.4 |

Return
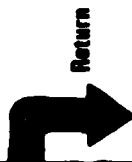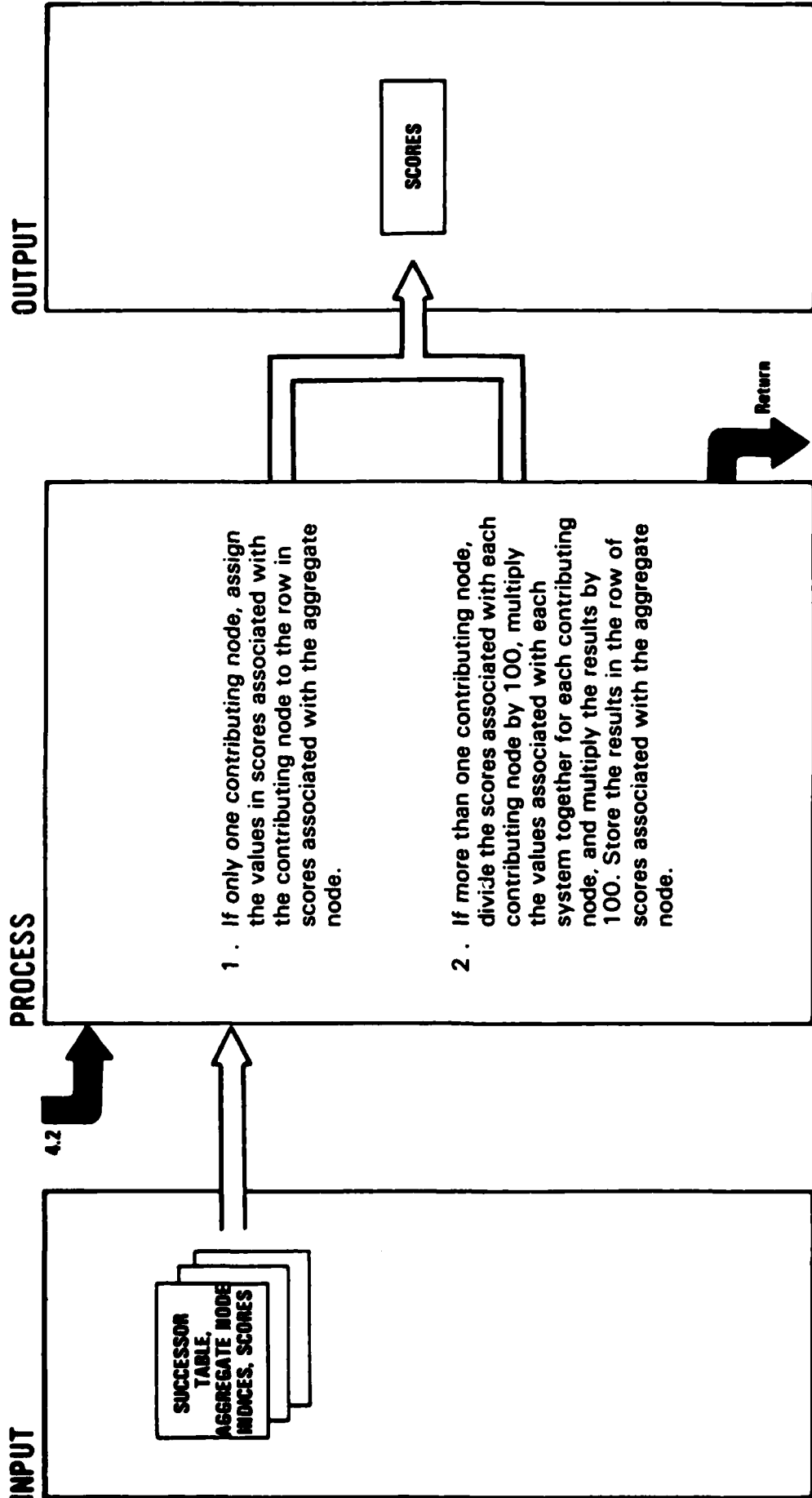
## INPUT

AGGREGATE
NODE INDICES,
SUCCESSOR
TABLE, SCORES

## PROCESS

1 . Set each value in scores associated
with the aggregate branch to the total
of the associated values for the
contributing nodes.

4.2

Return

## OUTPUT

SCORES

**INPUT**

SUCCESSOR TABLE, AGGREGATE NODE INDICES, SCORES

**PROCESS**

4.2

1 . If only one contributing node, assign the values in scores associated with the contributing node to the row in scores associated with the aggregate node.

2 . If more than one contributing node, divide the scores associated with each contributing node by 100, multiply the values associated with each system together for each contributing node, and multiply the results by 100. Store the results in the row of scores associated with the aggregate node.

Return

**OUTPUT**

SCORES

**INPUT**

SUCCESSOR TABLE, AGGREGATE NODE INDICES, SCORES, WEIGHTS

**4.2**

**PROCESS**

1. Divide the weights associated with the contributing nodes by 100, multiply the scores associated with the contributing node by the calculated weight, add together the results for each system within the contributing nodes, and save the results in the scores for the aggregate node.

Return

**OUTPUT**

SCORES

**INPUT**

WEIGHTS,
CUM. WEIGHTS,
SUCCESSOR
TABLE, AGGREGATE
NODE INDICES

**PROCESS**

4.2

1. For all nodes, through the aggregate node indices and successor table, set cum. weights for contributing nodes equal to the weights for the contributing nodes multiplied by the cum. weight of the aggregate node, divided by 100.
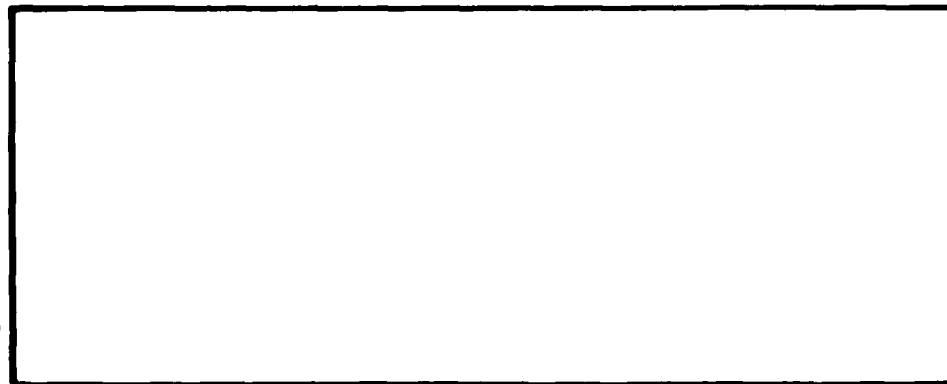
Return

**OUTPUT**

CUM.
WEIGHTS

**INPUT**

AGGREGATE
NODE INDICES,
SUCCESSOR
TABLE

**PROCESS**

1.8

1 . Request title for printout.

2 . Read line from terminal.

3 .

| PRINTER | |
|---|---|
| | 5.1 |

4 . Print title.

5 . Set up loop index, to loop through aggregate nodes.

6 . For each aggregate node.

| DISP | |
|---|---|
| | 2.2 |

7 . Display message to tell user to turn printer off.

8 . Wait for user response from terminal.

**OUTPUT**

Return

## INPUT

## PROCESS

OPEN

1 . Open I/O to printer.

2 . If printer is not on,

a . Display message to turn on printer.

b . Repeat step 2.

5.0
9.0

Return

## OUTPUT

## INPUT

## PROCESS

1 . Get list of names of models on tape.

| | |
|---|---|
| LOADLIB | |
| | 6.1 |

2 . If there are no models on the tape.

   a . Display error message.

   b . Wait for user acknowledgment.

3 . If there are models on the tape,

   a . Elicit desired model from list of model names.

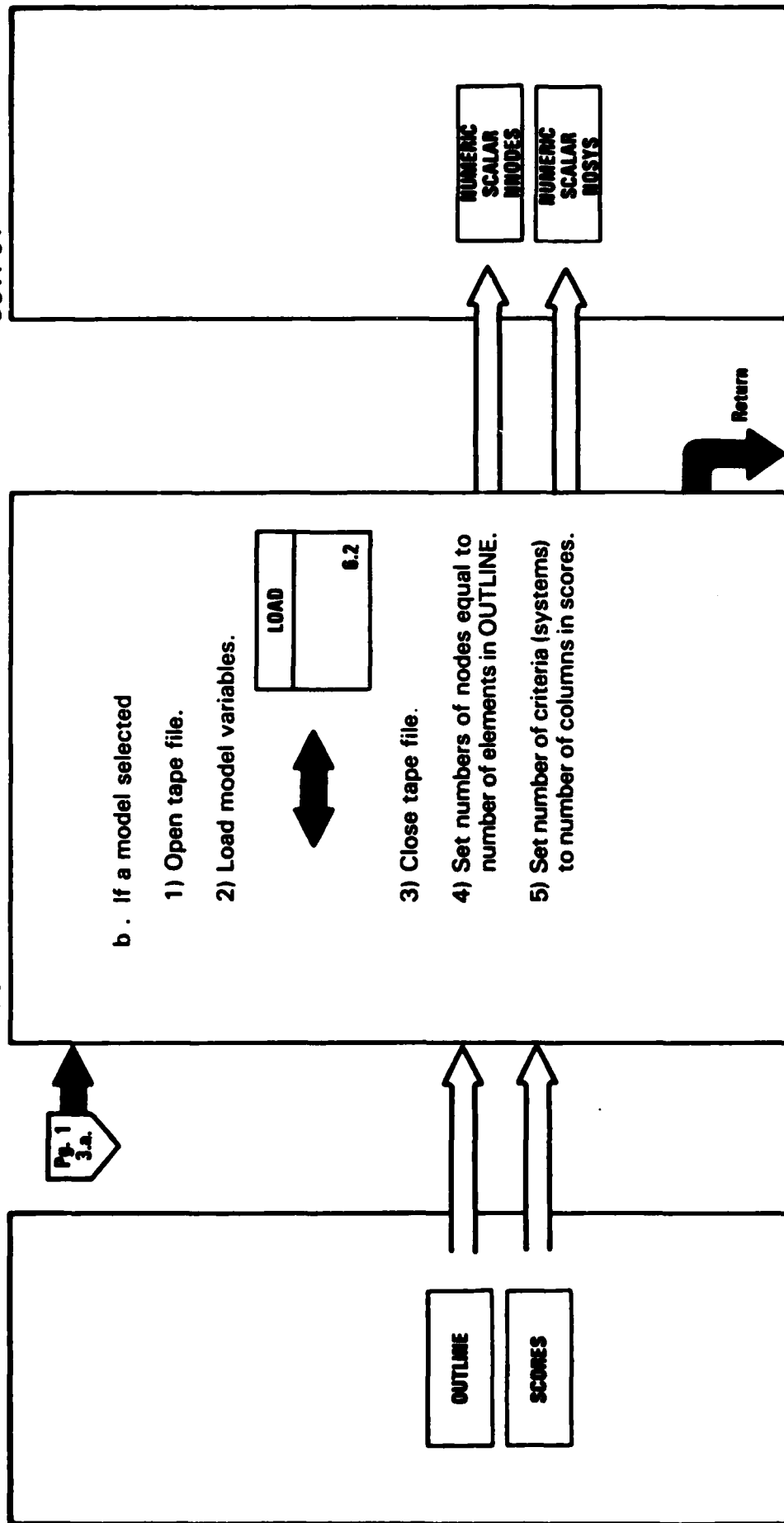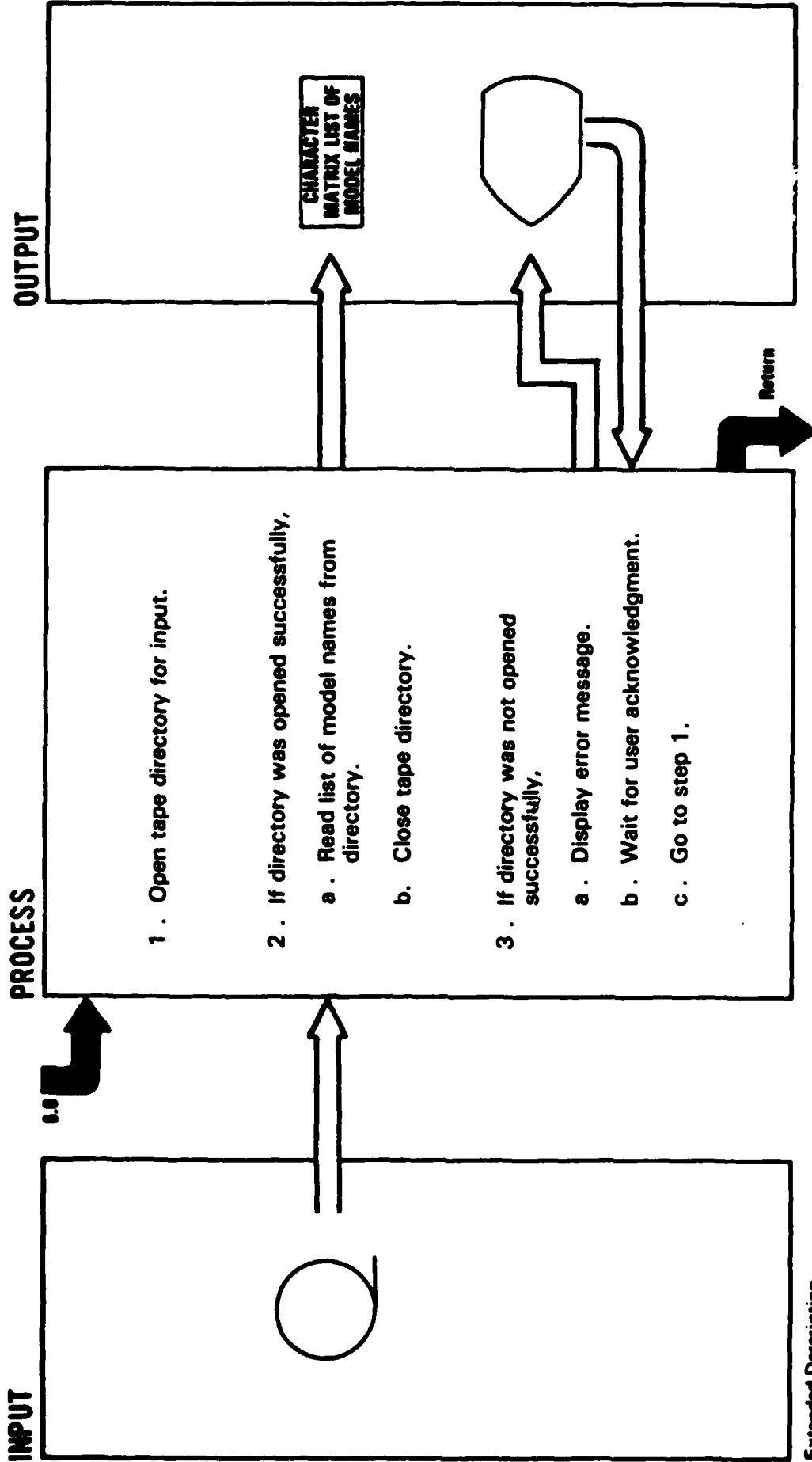| | |
|---|---|
| MENU | |
| | 10.2 |

1.0

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3 b.

## OUTPUT

**INPUT**

OUTLINE

SCORES

**PROCESS**

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3.a.

b . If a model selected

1) Open tape file.

2) Load model variables.

LOAD

6.2

3) Close tape file.

4) Set numbers of nodes equal to number of elements in OUTLINE.

5) Set number of criteria (systems) to number of columns in scores.

Return

**OUTPUT**

NUMERIC SCALAR NNODES

NUMERIC SCALAR NOSYS

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**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

6.0

1. Open tape directory for input.

2. If directory was opened successfully,

   a. Read list of model names from directory.

   b. Close tape directory.

3. If directory was not opened successfully,

   a. Display error message.

   b. Wait for user acknowledgment.

   c. Go to step 1.

**OUTPUT**

CHARACTER MATRIX LIST OF MODEL NAMES

Return

**Extended Description**

Position of model names within list indicates where models are stored on tape.

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## INPUT

FILE

## PROCESS

1. Read variables.

6.0

Return

## OUTPUT

- OUTLINE
- NODE LABELS
- SCORES
- WEIGHTS
- CUML. WEIGHTS
- NODE TYPES
- DATA LEVEL MASK
- AGGREGATE NODE INDICES
- SUCCESSOR TABLE
- SYSTEM LABELS

**Extended Description**

1. The OUTLINE TABLE contains an element for each node in the model, sorted in increasing numerical sequence order. The value is an encoded representation of the node outline number supplied for a node when the model structure is created.

2. The NODE LABELS contain descriptions (one per node in the same order as the outline table) of nodes that are supplied when the model structure is created.

3. SCORES is a numeric array which contains a set of values for each node of the structure. Each set of values consists of one number per system defined in the model.

4. WEIGHTS is a numeric vector containing the relative-importance values assigned to each node in the model structure. The elements must appear in the same order as the associated outline numbers. When a model structure is created, the vector is null or contains zeros.

5. For each element in the node outline table, there is an associated element in the CUMULATIVE WEIGHTS vector. The vector will contain the percentage of importance with respect to the entire model when all WEIGHTS have been entered.

6. The NODE TYPES are indicators of the type of calculation that is to be used in assessing SCORES and WEIGHTS.
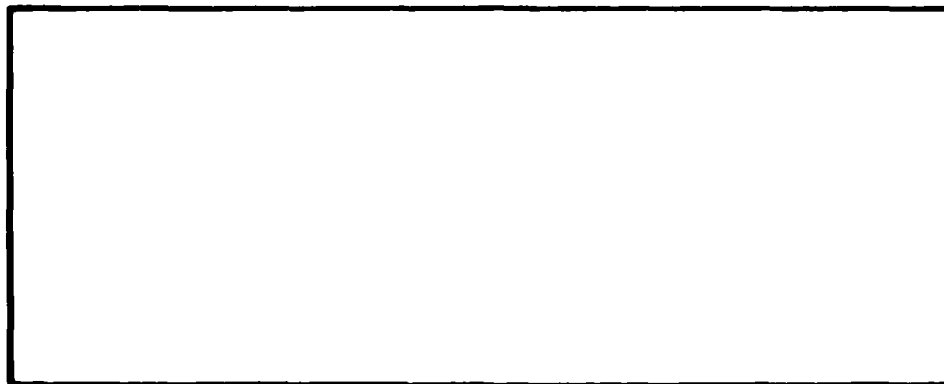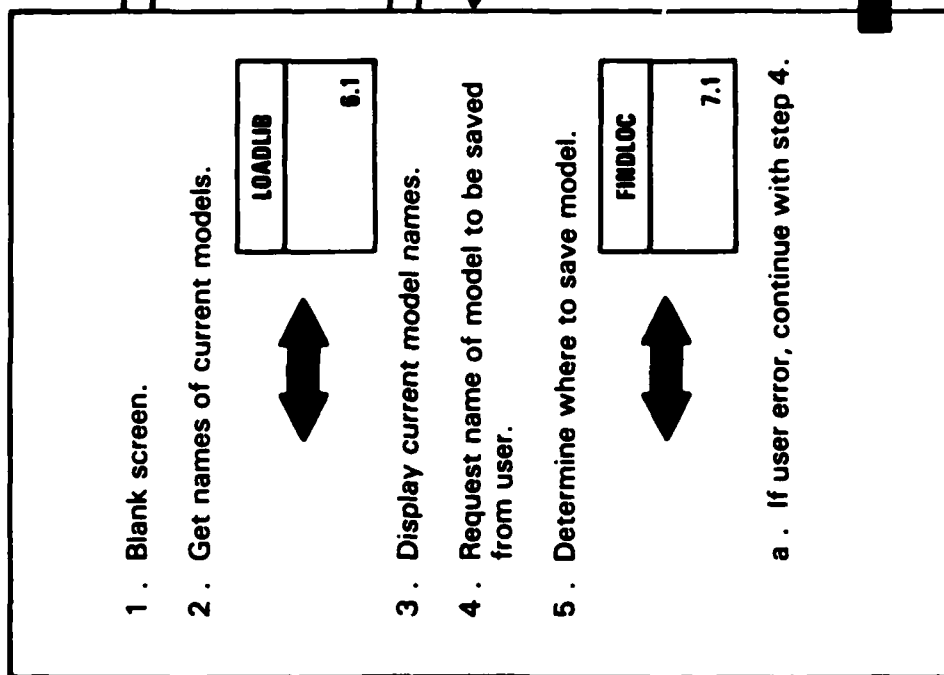
**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

**Extended Description**

7. The DATA LEVEL MASK indicates which nodes are at the data level (bottom level) versus the nodes that are aggregate or non-bottom-level nodes.

8. The AGGREGATE NODE INDICES contain the sequence number of elements in the model variables which correspond to only the aggregate nodes. An Aggregate node is a node which has one or more subsequent nodes contributing to it.

9. The SUCCESSOR TABLE is an array which contains, for each aggregate node, the set of indices of nodes which contribute to a node.

10. The SYSTEMS LABELS contain the user-specified character descriptions of the systems being evaluated.
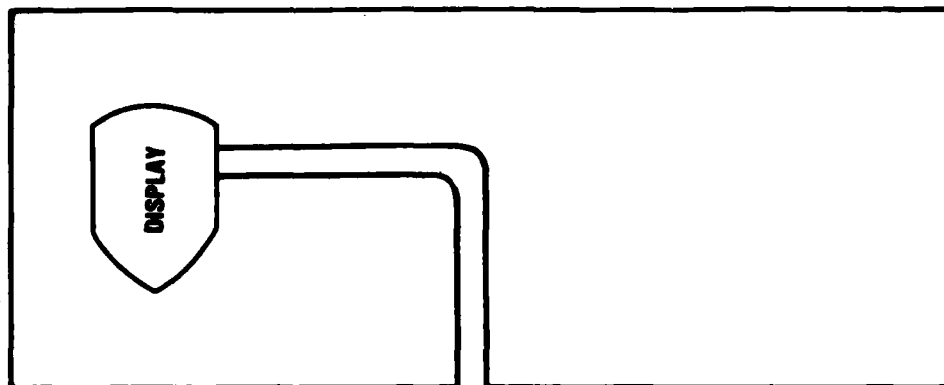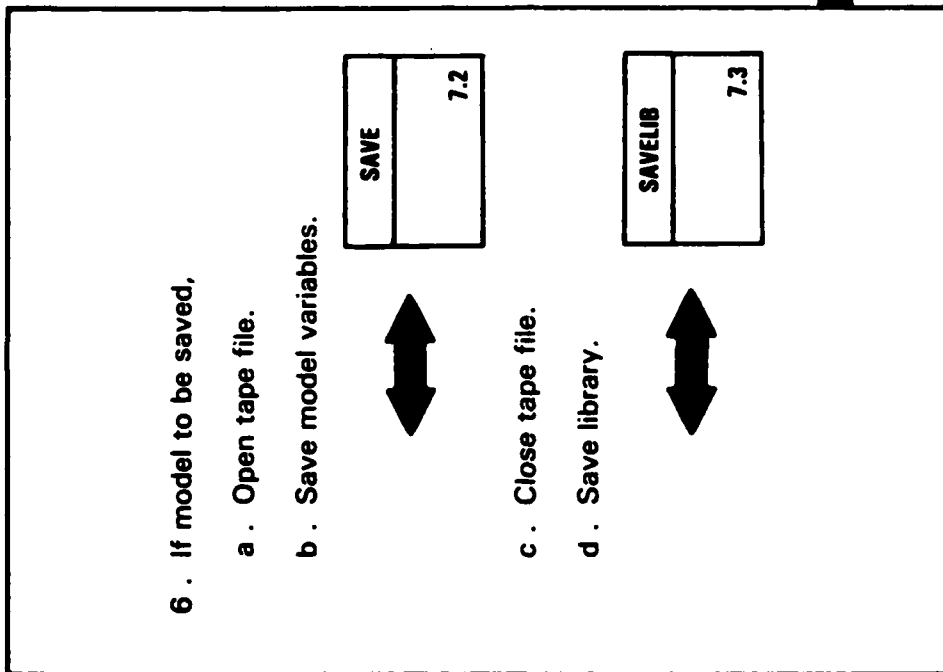
OUTPUT

DISPLAY

PROCESS

1. Blank screen.

2. Get names of current models.

| LOADLIB | |
|---------|---------|
| | 6.1 |

3. Display current model names.

4. Request name of model to be saved from user.

5. Determine where to save model.

| FINDLOC | |
|---------|---------|
| | 7.1 |

a. If user error, continue with step 4.

1.0

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6.

INPUT

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**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

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5.a.

6 . If model to be saved,

  a . Open tape file.

  b . Save model variables.

| SAVE | |
|---|---|
| | 7.2 |

  c . Close tape file.

  d . Save library.

| SAVELIB | |
|---|---|
| | 7.3 |

Return

**OUTPUT**

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

7.0

1. If model name already used,

    a. Tell user that model name already exists.

    b. Find out if user wants to replace model with same name.

| YESNO |
|-------|
| 10.4 |

    c. If no, indicate error.

2. If name is unique and there is room on the tape for a new model, add model name to list and save position.

**OUTPUT**

LIBNAMES

POSITION OF MODEL ON TAPE

Pg. 2 3.

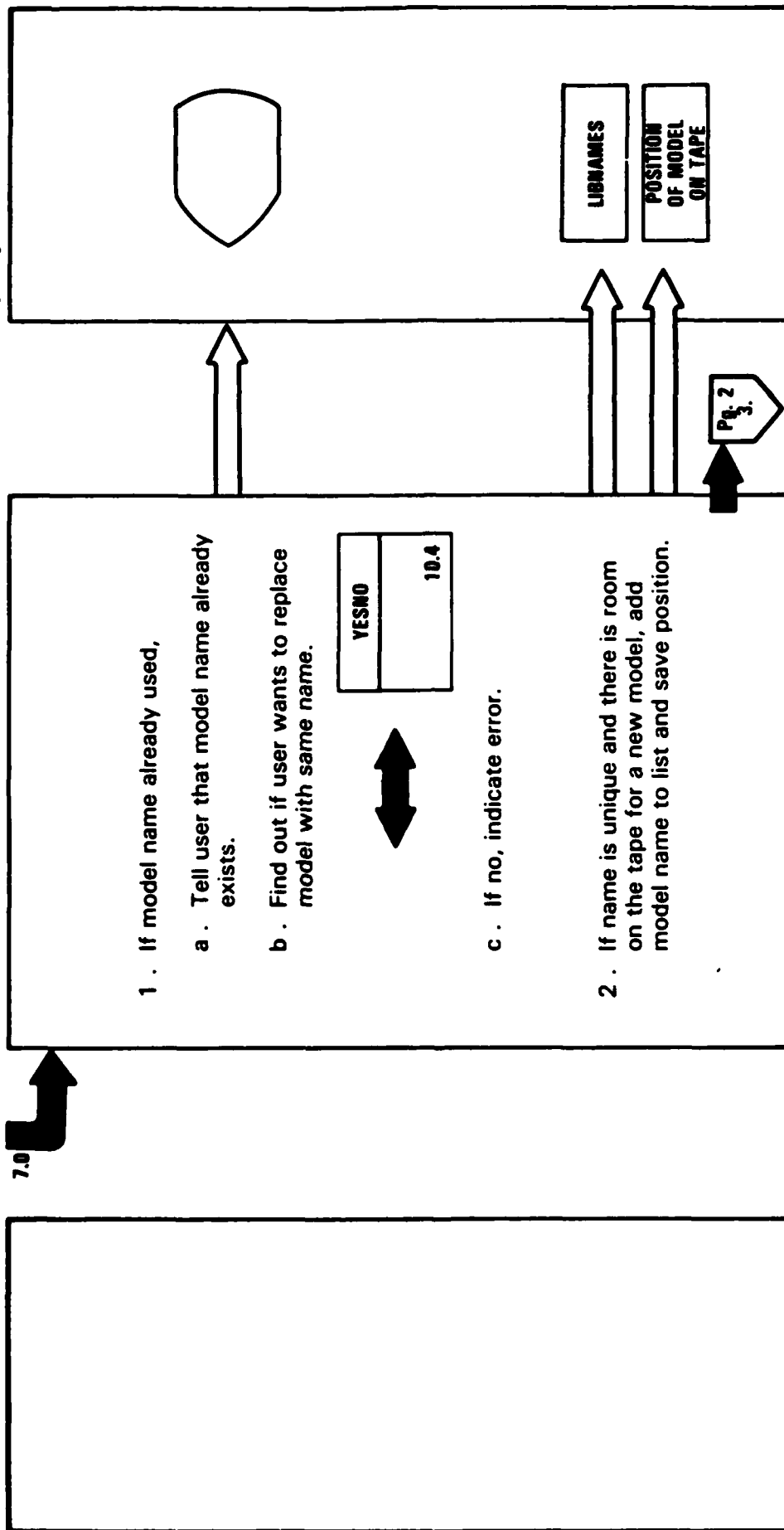**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

3. If name is unique but there is no room for another model, display current model names and ask user which model to replace.

MENU    10.2

a . If model name selected, replace old model name with new model name in list, and save position.

Return

Pg. 2.1

**OUTPUT**

LIBNAMES

POSITION OF MODEL ON TAPE

**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

**OUTPUT**

7.0

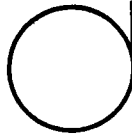| OUTLINE |
| NODE LABELS |
| SCORES |
| WEIGHTS |
| CUM. WEIGHTS |
| NODE TYPES |
| DATA LEVEL MASK |
| AGGREGATE NODE INDICES |
| SUCCESSOR TABLE |
| CRITERIA LABELS |

1. Write variables on tape.

Return

FILE

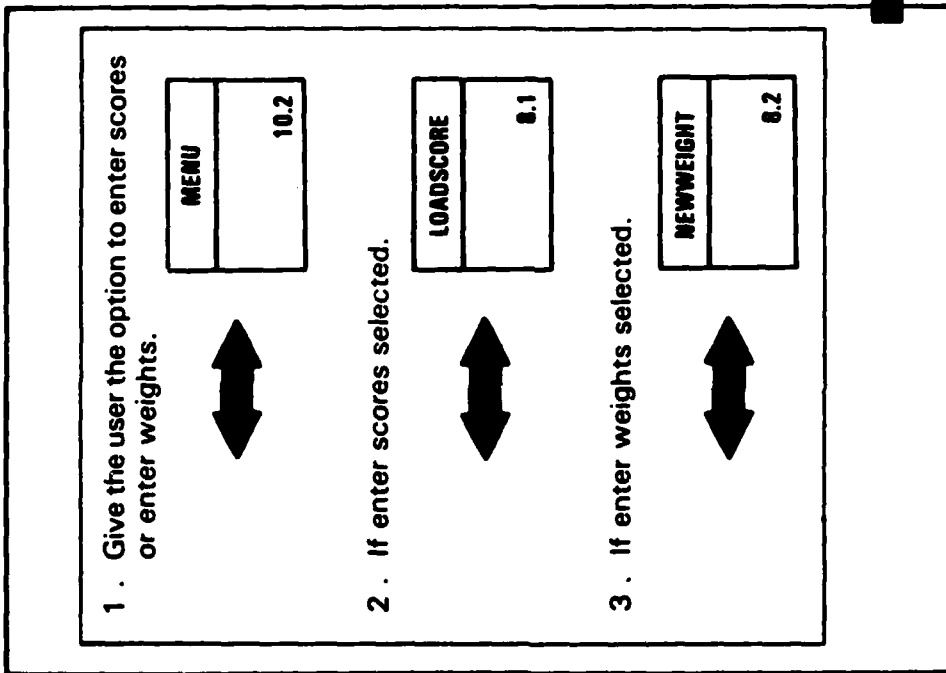## INPUT

CHARACTER
ARRAY LIST OF
MODEL NAMES

## PROCESS

7.0

1. Open tape directory for output.

2. If directory was opened successfully.

    a. Write list of model names to directory.

    b. Close tape directory.

3. If directory was not opened successfully.

    a. Display error message.

    b. Wait for user response.

    c. Go to step 1.

## OUTPUT

Return

**OUTPUT**

**PROCESS**

1.0

1 . Give the user the option to enter scores or enter weights.

| MENU |
|------|
| 10.2 |

2 . If enter scores selected.

| LOADSCORE |
|-----------|
| 8.1 |

3 . If enter weights selected.

| NEWWEIGHT |
|-----------|
| 8.2 |

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**INPUT**

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**INPUT**

**PROCESS**

4. When no option selected display message that model is being recalculated.

5. Calculate model.

```
ROLLBACK
         4.2
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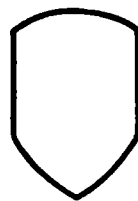
Return

Pg. 1

**OUTPUT**

**INPUT**

NNODES,OUTLINE,
NOSYS, NODE
LABELS, DATA
LEVEL MASK

**PROCESS**

8.0

1. Display character vector of instructions.

2. Initialize loop index for scores and preset all scores to zero.

3. For each node:

   a. If data level node,

      1) Passing number of systems and character vector of node outline number and node label, request value for each system.

      | ENTERLINE | |
      |-----------|---|
      | | 3.1.1 |

      2) Store user values in scores.

   b. If not data level node

      1) Display node outline number and node label.

      2) Set all systems in scores to zero.

**OUTPUT**

SCORES

LOOP INDEX

SCORES

Return

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## INPUT

SUCCESSOR TABLE

## PROCESS

8.0

1. Initialize loop index through aggregate nodes.

2. Preset branch weights and path weights to zero.

3. For each aggregate node:

   a. Display aggregate node and all nodes contributing to aggregate.

       DISP    2.2

   b. Request weights for contributing nodes.

       EDITWT    2.3

4. Set weight for top node to 100.

## OUTPUT

WEIGHTS

CUM. WEIGHTS

WEIGHTS

Return

## INPUT

NNODES,DATA
LEVEL MASK,
OUTLINE, NODE
LABEL, NOSYS

## PROCESS

1.0

PRINTER

5.1

1.

2. Initialize loop index to 0.

3. For each node in model:

If node is a data level node, print character vector consisting of the node label, an underscore tagged with 'wt:' and an underscore for each system that is to be scored.

If node is not a data level node, print character vector consisting of the node outline number, the node label, and an underscore tagged with 'wt:'.

4. Display message to turn off printer.

5. Wait for user response.

## OUTPUT

Return

**INPUT**

OUTLINE

**PROCESS**

3.0
4.1

1 . Display request for node outline number.

2 . Read input from the screen.

3 . If input was not null,

a . Convert number to same representation as stored in outline.

b . Get index of matching element in outline.

c . If no match is found, display error message.

4 . If index was not null and match was not found, go to step 1.

Return

**OUTPUT**

NUMERIC SCALER-INDEX TO MODEL VARIABLES

## INPUT

CHARACTER VECTOR CONSISTING OF INSTRUCTIONS

CHARACTER ARRAY CONSISTING OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION

8.0
4.0
1.0
6.0
7.1

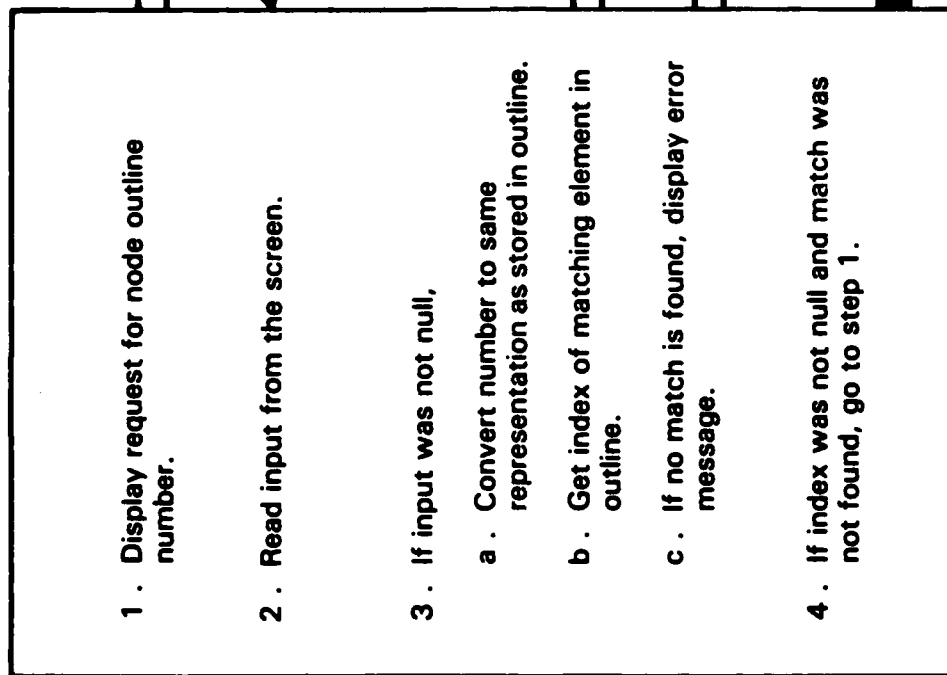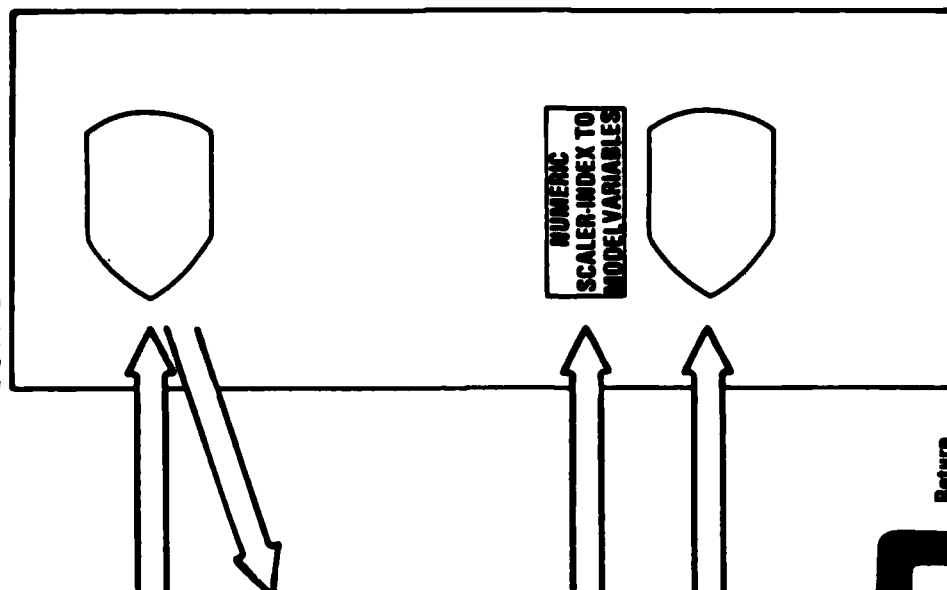## PROCESS

1. Display character vector consisting of user instructions.

2. Display character array consisting of possible logic paths for user to select.

3. Accept input from terminal.

4. Set result to the number of the option selected by user, or to zero if no selection made.

5. If the result is greater than the number of options presented, change the result to contain the number of the last option.

## OUTPUT

RESULT: 0 IF NO OPTION SELECTED, OR NUMBER OF SELECTED OPTION

Return

## INPUT

CHARACTER STRING

## PROCESS

1 . Delete all characters from the input which are not blanks, minuses or which are not numeric.

2 . If a blank is the character immediately following a minus, convert the minus to a blank and display error message.

3 . Decode character string to a numeric vector.

DECODE

4.1.1
2.8

## OUTPUT

NUMERIC VECTOR

Return

**INPUT**

CHARACTER
VECTOR OF
QUESTION
ANSWERABLE BY
A YES OR NO

7.1
2.3

**PROCESS**

1 . Display character vector with a question mark appended to end.

2 . Read answer from the terminal.

3 . If first character of answer is 'Y', set result to 1.

4 . If first character of answer in 'N', set result to 0.

5 . If first character not 'Y' or 'N', display instruction to enter either yes or no, and repeat from step 1.

**OUTPUT**

RESULT:
1 IF YES
0 IF NO

Return